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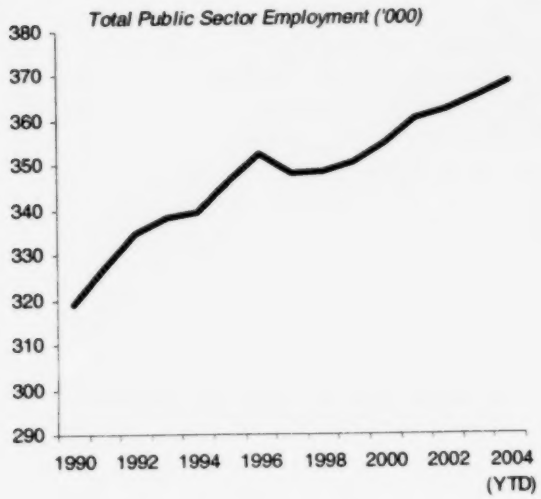
What's been happening to public sector employment?

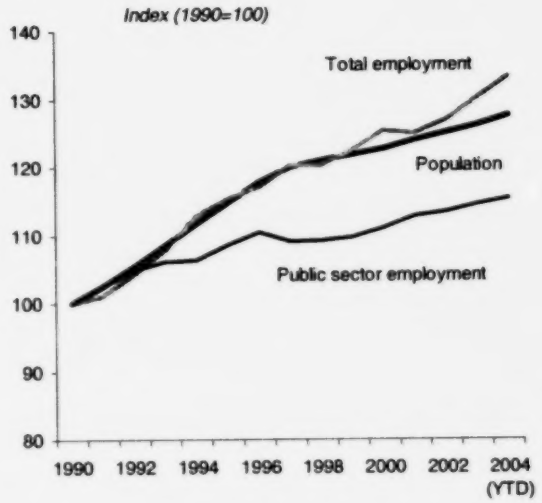
Much attention has been focussed on downsizing that has taken place in the public sector during the last one-and-a-half decades, but how significant was the change that occurred? Data from Statistics Canada suggests that there have indeed been substantial adjustments to the public sector workforce since the early 1990s. However, the extent to which the workforce is shrinking varies within the public sector.[1]

During the first nine months of 2004, total public sector employment in the province—including workers at federal, provincial and local government ministries and agencies, as well as those employed in public institutions and crown corporations—averaged 368,564, or 0.8% more than the average for 2003. Since 1990, the number of people working in BC's public sector has increased 15%.

Public sector employment has increased 15% since 1990...



...about half as much as total employment and population growth over the same period



Between 1990 and 2004, total employment[2] in the province rose 27%, and the population expanded 28%. This suggests that most of the job gains during the last decade and a half have been in the private sector or self-employed, as total employment growth was more than double the increase in the size of the public sector. BC's population also expanded substantially more than total public sector employment, and as a result the public sector employment rate (number employed per 1,000 population) fell from 97.0 to 87.8. The public sector still remains a significant employer in British Columbia, with

[1] An explanation of how the public sector is defined is included in the appendix.

[2] Public sector employment figures are those reported by the Public Institutions Division (PID) of Statistics Canada. Total employment is from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). LFS estimates of public sector employment differ from the PID data in part because they are based on a household survey. The PID data is obtained from administrative records and more closely reflects actual employment counts at public sector organizations.

about 17% of the province's 2.1 million-strong workforce employed in the public sector.

Public institutions employing more British Columbians

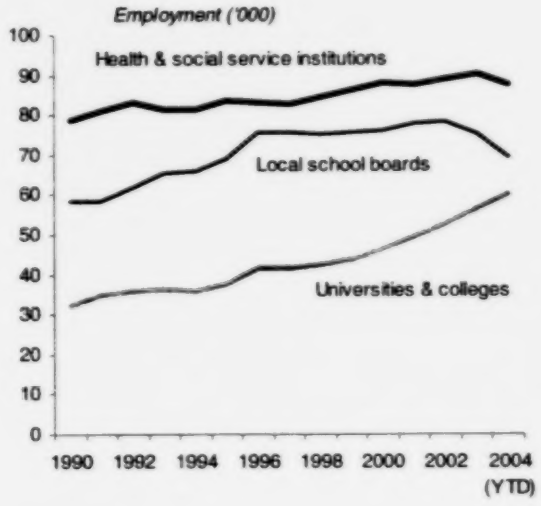
The overall growth in the number of public sector workers masks divergent trends within the sector. Looking at the components of the public sector reveals that the job growth that has occurred has been primarily concentrated in health care, social services and educational institutions.

Between 1990 and 2004, the total number of people employed in these institutions nearly doubled, rising from 32,500 to 60,400, and as a result the employment rate in public institutions edged up from 51.5 to 51.9. This was primarily due to post-secondary institutions, where the size of the workforce has burgeoned in recent years, partly because of increases in capacity such as the establishment of a new university in Prince George (the University of Northern BC).

However, this does not explain all of the increase in employment at post-secondary institutions (+86% since 1990). It is likely that some of the job gains are the result of a shift toward more part-time employment at these facilities. The employment figures presented in this article are simple job counts, so they do not differentiate between full-time and part-time workers. This means that a shift away from hiring full-time employees to taking on more part-time workers would show up as an increase in the number of jobs, even if the total number of hours worked by all employees was unchanged.

The total wage bill for post-secondary institutions increased at about the same rate as the number of jobs between 1990 and 2004. For the economy (and the public sector) as a whole, the wage bill grew roughly twice as fast as total employment during this period, reflecting the effect of increases in the remuneration of employees. The fact that employment and the wage bill for post-secondary institutions have both grown at about the same rate since 1990 suggests that there has been a decline in the average number of hours worked, which is consistent with a shift toward more part-time employment in this sector.

More jobs at post-secondary institutions



Local school boards, on the other hand, have been paring down their workforce in recent years. There were an average of 69,490 school board employees in BC during the first nine months of 2004. (Note that in the figure above, the decline in school board employment in 2004 is exaggerated because only nine months of data are available. School board employment drops during the summer months when schools are closed. However, school board employment during the first nine months of 2004 was down 7.9% from the same period of 2003).

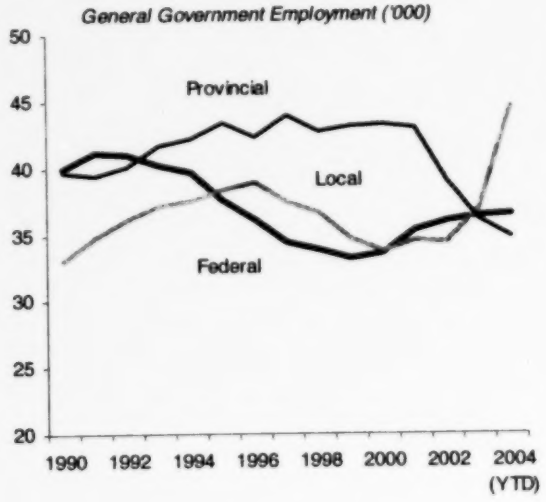
Employment at health and social service institutions has remained quite stable, advancing just 12% between 1990 and 2004 (year-to-date). Despite relatively slow job growth, wages paid to workers in these institutions have increased substantially, nearly doubling over the last decade-and-a-half. This is well above the average for all industries, even though the number of

people working at these institutions has been substantially lower than the average for the province as a whole.

Fewer federal and provincial government employees, more people working for local governments

What's happening in the ranks of the civil service? Among those directly employed by the federal (-9%) and provincial (-12%) governments, there have been substantial job losses. However, local governments have expanded the number of people on their payroll by 34%.

Provincial general government employment continues to shrink



The reductions in the size of the civil service stand out even more when they are normalized by the size of the population. Between 1990 and 2004, the employment rate in the federal government fell from 12.1 per 1,000 population to 8.7, while the provincial general government employment rate slipped from 12.1 to 8.3. Local government jobs grew just slightly faster than the overall population rate, rising from 10.1 per 1,000 population to 10.6. While the federal government began downsizing in the early 1990s, the reduction in the ranks of the provincial civil service were not significant until 2002, when the province introduced programs to encourage early retirement and voluntary departure from the civil service, as well as implementing cutbacks in some areas of government. Ministries were given up to three years to implement budget reductions, so some of the changes resulting from the restructuring would not have been fully felt until March 2004.

It was anticipated that these reductions in employment could translate into substantial budgetary savings, but that does not appear to have transpired. Despite a substantial decline in the number of provincial general government employees, and contracts that offered little, if any increase in pay rates, the total wage bill has grown by about two-thirds since 1990. There are a number of reasons for the increase, including adjustments to classification levels for many provincial government workers who were deemed to have been under-rated. These adjustments were implemented as part of a contractual commitment by the government to address employment equity issues. Incentives offered to departing civil servants also put some pressure on the wage bill, as those who accepted early-retirement, or other severance packages remained on the payroll for some time after they stopped working.

Similar adjustments were made by the federal government, and as a result the federal wage bill increased significantly even though employment declined. In the local government, the wage bill has increased about twice as much as total employment since 1990.

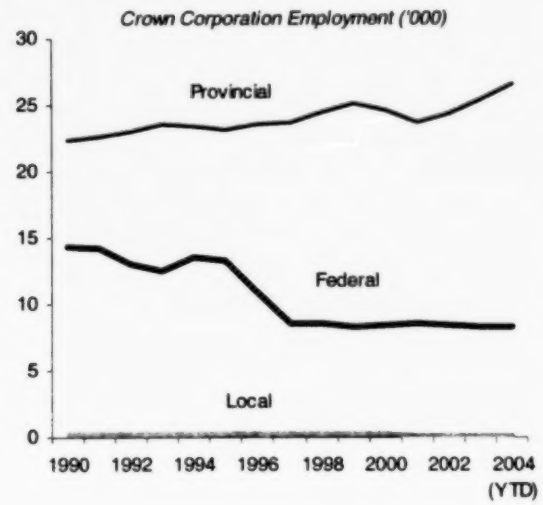
The provincial government continues to undergo restructuring, as the responsibility for some services, such as computer support, which were previously provided by direct government employees, is being transferred to private sector organizations. At the same time, there is a serious effort to avoid duplication within the public sector, and it is hoped that these efforts will result in cost savings over the long-term. It is likely that provincial government employment on a per capita basis will continue to decline as

more of these functions are transferred to the private sector.

Crown corporations making less of a mark

Governments have been moving away from providing services through crown corporations, and this can be clearly seen in the data on crown corporation employment. In 1990, some 36,940 people in BC worked for federal, provincial and local crown corporations. By 2004, the number had fallen to 35,090. Most of these workers are employed by provincial crown corporations (26,630). Although federal (8,310) and local (150) crown corporations are less important employers in the province, the decline in crown corporation employment is mainly due to downsizing of federal crown corporations. Employment at provincial crowns, the biggest component within this subsector, has increased since 1990, and the total wage bill has changed only modestly.

Employment at federal crown corporations has declined significantly



BC now has the second-lowest public sector employment rate in Canada

In the third quarter of 2004, the public sector employment rate in British Columbia was the second-lowest in the country (88 per 1,000 population), just barely higher than in Alberta, where the rate was 87.6. BC and Alberta were the only provinces where the employment rate was below the national average (89.6). Ontario's employment rate has been creeping up, and surpassed the Canadian average for the first time since 1997 in early 2004.

British Columbia and Ontario (both at 8.8) have the lowest provincial general government employment rates in the country. Compared to the population, employment at BC health and social service institutions (22.1 compared to a national average of 23.6) is among the lowest in the country, but relatively more British Columbians work at post-secondary institutions (14.7, compare to 8.4 nationally).

A sea change in the public sector

There has been a sea change in the public sector in recent years, as both the federal and provincial governments have taken steps to reduce the size and impact of the public sector on the economy. At the same time, a growing and aging population is putting pressure on the health care, social services and education system, and some public sector institutions are responding by taking on more workers, or by changing the way they manage their demand for labour (for instance, by hiring more part-time people). Higher wages, especially at health and social service institutions, have kept the public sector wage bill on an upward trend. Other wage pressures have come from cost of living increases and job reclassifications.

Reducing the number of provincial government jobs is a highly visible way of cutting back on spending, but even large reductions in staff levels can have only a limited effect on the overall budgetary picture, since wages make up a relatively small percentage of total government

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spending. The wage bill[3] for government ministries and agencies accounts for about a tenth of total spending by the provincial government.

The bulk of provincial government spending goes to pay for health care, education and social services. Those expenditures not only support public institutions (and pay the wages of the people working in them), but they also pay for income assistance, drug coverage, visits to doctors and various types of social programs.

[3] This data comes from Statistics Canada, and differs from the information in the Public Accounts because it uses a broader definition of government.

Appendix 1: Measuring the size of the public sector.

Defining the public sector is not as straightforward as it might seem. In Canada, there are three levels of government. Employees of federal, provincial and local government ministries are obviously public sector workers. However, there are a lot more people who are on the public payroll.

Provinces can choose how they will deliver a broad range of services. In some cases, these services are provided directly by employees of provincial ministries or departments. In other cases (e.g., the Workers' Compensation Board or the Liquor Distribution Branch), agencies have been created by the government to provide certain services. These agencies may operate at "arms' length" from the government, but they have been established by legislative authorities and are funded from the public purse. People who work for government agencies and authorities may not, strictly speaking, be public servants, but to all intents and purposes they are part of the public sector. Statistics Canada, the source of the information presented in this article, defines ***general government*** to include all government ministries, departments and agencies.

It should be noted that about half of the workers in provincial general government are employed in establishments that are classified to industries other than public administration. These cover a wide range of activities, from tree planting to construction work, accommodation and food, and insurance services.

The ***government sector*** has a somewhat broader definition. In Canada, the responsibility for providing health and education services rests with the provinces, but these services are not delivered using the same mechanisms in all parts of the country. In New Brunswick, for example, school employees are considered provincial government workers. In the rest of Canada, they would be considered part of the local government, as provinces provide funding to local school boards that are responsible for providing public primary and secondary education.

Public universities and colleges are also funded by the government, but employees of these organizations are not always thought of as civil servants. Similarly, employees of hospitals and other types of health care facilities receive their pay from the public purse. In some provinces, hospital employees are considered to be provincial government workers. In other parts of the country, hospital boards play a role similar to that of school boards, and are responsible for running publicly funded hospitals and other health care institutions. Thus, the government sector includes federal, provincial and local government ministries, departments, agencies plus health & social service institutions, universities, colleges, trade & technical institutions, and municipal school boards.

Crown corporations, or government business enterprises (GBEs) form a third layer within the ***public sector***. GBEs are usually created by the government to provide services such as power generation, liquor distribution (in some provinces), transportation services and so on. These services are typically ones which the private sector would not provide or which, for philosophical reasons, governments wish to be involved in. Since the 1980s, there has been a general trend toward privatizing or otherwise devolving the responsibility for providing these services from the GBEs into the private sector. Well known examples include the privatization of Air Canada, Canada Post, Alberta Liquor Control Board stores, and in BC, the divestiture of the government's interest in BC Ferries. Crown corporations that are effectively controlled by one of the three levels of government are included in the public sector.

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Labour Force Activity: Labour Force	Labour Force Activity: Employed	Labour Force Activity: Unemployment Rate	Labour Force Activity: Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Earnings: Wages and Salaries	Earnings: Average Weekly Wage Rate	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: Number of Beneficiaries	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: $
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA	Unadjusted		
2000	2,079.2	1,930.0	7.2	64.8	33.3	60,270.2	638.74	699,230	847,365.1
2001	2,082.3	1,922.1	7.7	64.0	32.2	61,495.9	648.13	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,143.8	1,960.1	8.6	65.0	32.0	63,192.7	668.15	817,850	1,073,203.5
2003	2,190.5	2,014.2	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,066.0	683.82	813,520	1,059,531.1
Jan-02	2,118.9	1,929.7	8.9	64.6	32.8	5,191.7	657.99	86,240	126,382.5
Feb-02	2,108.8	1,922.9	8.8	64.2	32.7	5,198.5	661.18	84,530	105,181.7
Mar-02	2,124.0	1,930.9	9.1	64.6	32.9	5,184.0	666.21	80,450	97,688.8
Apr-02	2,130.0	1,942.6	8.8	64.7	33.3	5,203.2	670.66	73,810	112,710.7
May-02	2,137.4	1,938.9	9.3	64.9	33.4	5,247.6	670.14	66,480	84,417.3
Jun-02	2,147.1	1,961.8	8.6	65.1	33.4	5,240.9	668.64	59,980	74,038.7
Jul-02	2,145.6	1,970.8	8.1	65.0	31.4	5,268.5	662.90	60,240	84,237.6
Aug-02	2,150.7	1,988.0	7.6	65.1	30.7	5,286.2	668.76	61,760	75,877.0
Sep-02	2,167.9	1,995.6	7.9	65.5	33.0	5,305.0	668.19	51,480	78,346.4
Oct-02	2,156.4	1,977.9	8.3	65.1	28.9	5,319.4	669.82	55,780	65,877.8
Nov-02	2,170.8	1,982.9	8.7	65.5	29.3	5,381.6	678.87	65,070	72,695.9
Dec-02	2,164.9	1,976.6	8.7	65.3	32.2	5,366.2	673.74	72,030	95,749.2
Jan-03	2,153.1	1,981.9	8.0	64.8	32.3	5,411.4	682.07	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,169.1	1,994.0	8.1	65.3	32.7	5,399.8	681.94	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,181.1	2,013.2	7.7	65.6	32.8	5,386.8	681.83	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,183.5	2,008.8	8.0	65.5	28.9	5,398.7	679.75	71,440	86,968.3
May-03	2,183.0	1,998.9	8.4	65.5	33.2	5,388.5	684.26	66,040	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,175.2	1,999.8	8.1	65.2	33.6	5,387.9	686.74	60,670	89,008.4
Jul-03	2,196.6	2,009.1	8.5	65.7	31.6	5,413.8	685.72	64,540	75,483.9
Aug-03	2,193.9	2,011.8	8.3	65.6	30.5	5,416.2	687.79	67,120	83,006.1
Sep-03	2,209.6	2,013.3	8.9	65.9	33.3	5,459.1	690.66	54,170	87,528.0
Oct-03	2,213.8	2,041.4	7.8	66.0	29.7	5,464.1	683.81	58,550	66,990.2
Nov-03	2,209.2	2,037.7	7.8	65.8	29.6	5,447.9	682.56	65,750	86,669.7
Dec-03	2,215.0	2,057.1	7.1	65.9	32.9	5,491.9	678.46	73,050	92,179.5
Jan-04	2,220.2	2,054.9	7.4	66.0	32.4	5,532.6	678.67	81,270	102,257.2
Feb-04	2,202.0	2,030.1	7.8	65.4	33.4	5,574.7	685.65	76,980	109,369.0
Mar-04	2,203.6	2,033.5	7.7	65.3	31.5	5,598.3	677.70	72,950	94,275.5
Apr-04	2,199.1	2,033.2	7.5	65.1	31.1	5,624.2	676.04	65,970	79,729.2
May-04	2,214.6	2,048.3	7.5	65.5	33.4	5,626.0	673.81	59,490	87,371.7
Jun-04	2,234.1	2,071.1	7.3	66.0	33.9	5,657.7	678.14	52,460	65,468.6
Jul-04	2,226.3	2,070.3	7.0	65.6	32.1	5,665.2	680.96	52,750	61,242.0
Aug-04	2,227.6	2,062.1	7.4	65.6	31.0	5,682.8	688.27	58,430	85,782.8
Sep-04	2,218.7	2,069.5	6.7	65.2	34.1	5,676.9	697.88	46,790	61,903.3
Oct-04	2,231.2	2,079.4	6.8	65.5	30.2	-	704.09	49,180	62,134.7
Nov-04	2,220.9	2,076.8	6.5	65.1	30.6	-	700.51	57,050	73,706.0
Dec-04	2,228.2	2,089.5	6.2	65.3	33.7	-	696.56	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,218.9	a 2,059.9	a 7.2	a 65.5	a 32.3	t 50,638.5	a 686.52	a 61,211	t 883.2
% change	1.3	2.3	n/a	n/a	1.7	4.1	0.4	-9.1	-8.7
Last 12 months	2,218.9	2,059.9	7.2	65.5	32.3	67,042.4	686.52	62,198	975,419.3
Previous 12	2,190.3	2,013.9	8.1	65.6	31.8	64,729.3	683.80	67,708	1,063,100.9
% change	1.3	2.3	n/a	n/a	1.7	3.6	0.4	-8.1	-8.2
% ch. year ago	0.6	1.6	n/a	n/a	2.4	4.0	2.7	-13.2	-15.0
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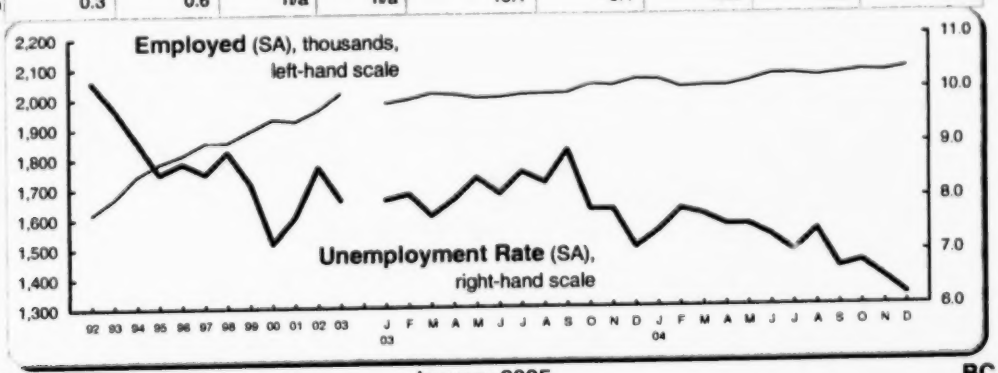
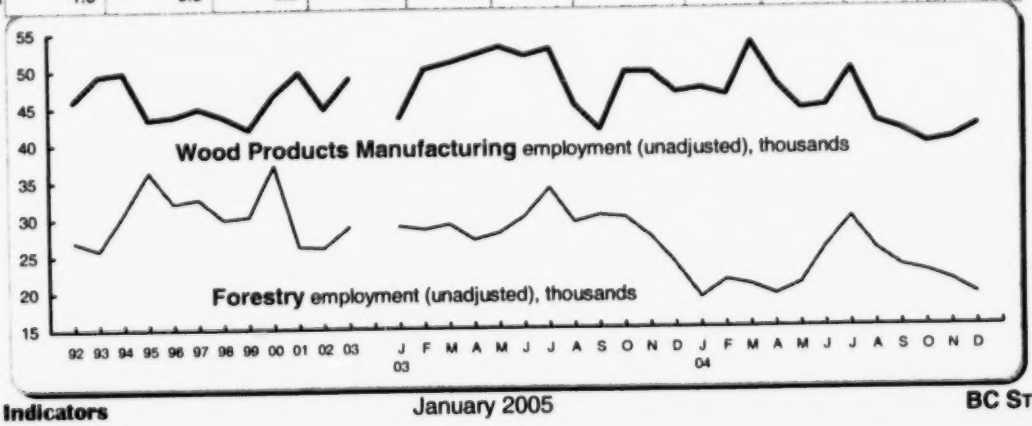


2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

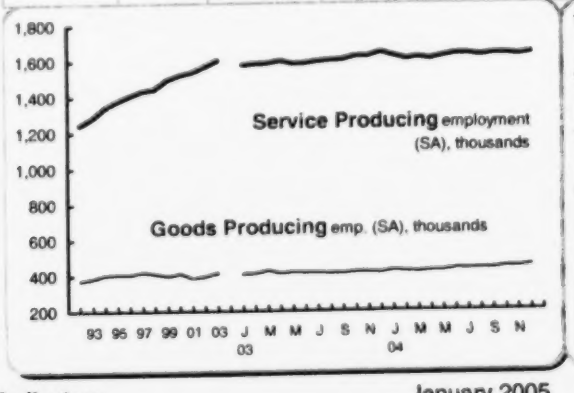
Period	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2000	408.4	30.2	37.1	4.8	13.4	10.4	111.3	19.8	46.5	17.7	203.4
2001	383.9	25.8	26.1	5.4	11.8	10.9	110.8	22.5	49.5	15.0	195.1
2002	392.3	29.6	25.9	3.3	9.7	11.3	117.4	23.8	44.7	16.7	196.4
2003	411.7	32.3	28.7	4.7	13.4	11.1	117.4	27.2	48.7	14.2	205.7
Jan-02	378.6	25.7	21.3	2.8	12.4	11.3	118.4	16.3	41.9	16.3	185.3
Feb-02	375.2	23.9	23.9	1.7	11.6	10.8	114.4	21.5	47.1	17.6	189.0
Mar-02	382.6	26.6	25.0	2.1	11.2	11.3	113.2	18.7	50.3	21.1	193.6
Apr-02	383.5	26.6	22.0	2.5	9.3	11.1	115.1	20.0	48.4	19.0	193.6
May-02	380.1	28.0	24.2	2.3	8.8	12.3	116.9	20.2	48.3	19.4	187.3
Jun-02	389.3	29.5	23.1	2.6	9.6	11.6	114.7	24.4	44.8	18.1	198.4
Jul-02	399.7	29.0	26.2	3.0	10.5	11.0	119.4	27.6	45.1	16.7	204.0
Aug-02	402.5	30.7	28.5	4.9	8.2	10.6	123.3	30.1	44.0	14.0	200.4
Sep-02	408.2	33.2	29.8	4.1	8.8	11.2	121.1	30.8	40.8	15.5	203.9
Oct-02	403.4	32.9	29.7	5.4	9.4	11.3	120.3	27.5	41.0	15.3	199.6
Nov-02	401.6	32.9	28.5	4.3	8.2	11.3	114.9	26.8	41.0	12.9	203.2
Dec-02	401.4	34.5	28.6	4.2	8.5	11.6	115.7	22.1	43.4	14.7	199.4
Jan-03	404.6	31.6	28.8	6.4	7.6	11.3	115.1	24.1	43.4	18.3	202.6
Feb-03	409.7	33.1	28.3	4.0	12.2	12.0	115.8	26.5	49.9	15.8	204.1
Mar-03	424.4	34.7	29.0	4.1	15.5	12.6	121.5	24.0	50.7	15.5	208.2
Apr-03	408.9	32.4	26.9	2.3	14.6	11.6	110.3	24.8	51.8	14.5	206.8
May-03	413.9	31.9	27.8	2.4	18.5	11.3	113.9	25.4	52.8	14.2	208.6
Jun-03	411.3	30.5	30.0	5.2	15.4	11.1	116.3	24.8	51.6	16.5	206.3
Jul-03	412.4	31.2	33.8	4.8	15.8	10.6	117.7	25.7	52.5	15.4	205.4
Aug-03	408.0	32.2	29.2	6.7	10.5	10.8	117.1	29.0	45.0	14.3	206.3
Sep-03	407.6	31.4	30.1	5.1	13.5	10.8	116.9	28.9	41.7	11.9	203.8
Oct-03	415.6	31.9	29.8	6.7	14.7	10.9	119.8	32.0	49.4	13.2	206.3
Nov-03	413.8	35.1	27.2	6.1	10.5	10.8	121.3	30.1	49.4	11.1	204.5
Dec-03	411.3	32.8	23.5	3.1	11.9	9.4	122.4	31.0	46.6	9.5	206.1
Jan-04	425.2	35.6	19.0	4.7	11.1	9.2	131.8	34.8	47.1	11.1	211.3
Feb-04	419.6	36.5	21.3	3.3	11.5	8.3	126.4	26.8	46.2	10.4	211.0
Mar-04	415.6	35.3	20.6	3.1	10.4	9.4	131.2	23.3	53.2	8.8	205.9
Apr-04	422.7	37.0	19.3	2.8	8.8	10.0	134.6	24.4	47.7	9.7	207.5
May-04	423.0	39.3	20.8	3.8	11.4	10.4	134.0	22.6	44.3	14.5	205.3
Jun-04	433.2	39.3	25.7	3.7	10.9	10.4	141.1	21.1	44.7	14.3	205.2
Jul-04	431.5	37.1	29.6	2.7	10.8	9.1	140.5	19.1	49.6	13.1	209.5
Aug-04	433.3	36.1	25.3	4.0	11.0	10.1	143.2	22.6	42.5	11.9	209.6
Sep-04	432.7	33.3	23.0	2.4	11.4	8.5	148.3	23.4	41.4	9.3	208.9
Oct-04	442.6	37.4	22.3	2.1	12.9	8.0	153.7	26.3	39.6	11.4	208.7
Nov-04	443.8	35.4	21.1	1.5	13.0	7.1	155.6	28.5	40.2	10.7	210.5
Dec-04	448.1	38.8	19.2	-	15.1	7.5	156.8	28.0	41.9	12.2	208.2
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 430.9	a 36.8	a 22.3	a 3.1	a 11.5	a 9.0	a 141.4	a 25.1	a 44.9	a 11.5	a 208.5
% change	4.7	13.5	-22.4	-36.6	-13.9	-18.9	20.5	-7.8	-7.9	-19.3	1.3
Last 12 months	430.9	36.8	22.3	3.1	11.5	9.0	141.4	25.1	44.9	11.5	208.5
Previous 12	411.8	32.4	28.7	4.8	13.4	11.1	117.3	27.2	48.7	14.2	205.8
% change	4.7	13.5	-22.4	-35.9	-13.9	-18.9	20.5	-7.8	-7.9	-19.3	1.3
% ch. year ago	8.9	18.3	-18.3	-75.4	26.9	-20.2	28.1	-9.7	-10.1	28.4	1.0
% ch prev mnth	1.0	9.6	-9.0	-28.6	16.2	5.6	0.8	-1.8	4.2	14.0	-1.1

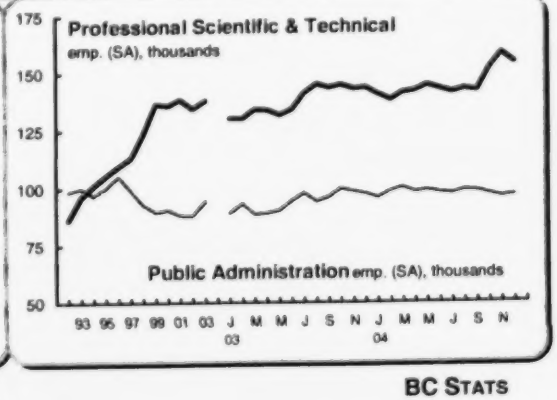


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2000	1,521.7	303.5	117.3	117.0	135.9	136.3	198.9	98.2	154.7	90.5
2001	1,538.2	304.0	112.6	122.1	138.6	138.4	197.9	105.3	164.2	88.0
2002	1,567.9	323.4	112.2	125.7	134.5	137.5	211.6	105.8	162.4	87.8
2003	1,602.5	329.5	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.4	213.5	107.1	161.9	94.1
Jan-02	1,551.1	303.5	112.8	121.5	134.7	138.3	204.4	111.0	169.1	86.7
Feb-02	1,547.7	309.8	112.1	119.8	139.5	134.1	205.6	106.5	166.1	85.8
Mar-02	1,548.3	302.6	108.5	118.4	136.0	137.9	205.3	111.2	166.4	88.1
Apr-02	1,559.1	314.8	109.8	117.4	133.6	140.7	209.6	109.5	166.6	87.4
May-02	1,558.7	323.4	107.8	118.3	133.3	135.7	208.3	101.1	168.9	87.8
Jun-02	1,572.6	324.3	109.1	125.9	132.5	138.6	210.4	108.0	164.5	88.2
Jul-02	1,571.1	330.9	110.6	125.6	129.1	137.5	215.2	107.5	161.9	89.6
Aug-02	1,585.4	330.8	109.9	130.0	133.2	145.5	215.7	108.5	159.7	88.1
Sep-02	1,587.5	333.2	118.8	128.2	138.4	140.8	213.5	102.2	157.7	89.7
Oct-02	1,574.5	332.6	114.6	134.4	132.7	135.8	219.3	97.6	155.8	87.4
Nov-02	1,581.3	336.8	116.4	133.8	134.3	131.2	216.5	105.4	158.8	86.5
Dec-02	1,575.3	336.0	116.5	135.6	136.3	136.4	216.1	101.4	152.4	87.9
Jan-03	1,577.3	338.8	117.3	128.7	130.5	142.9	206.0	101.2	157.3	89.0
Feb-03	1,584.3	333.3	117.8	128.8	130.5	144.5	213.5	100.5	156.4	93.2
Mar-03	1,588.8	328.3	120.4	128.1	134.4	146.9	211.6	101.3	159.7	88.4
Apr-03	1,600.0	332.1	120.6	129.9	134.0	141.8	215.4	106.6	157.3	89.1
May-03	1,585.0	325.3	120.9	122.9	131.9	141.1	215.1	110.1	156.6	90.3
Jun-03	1,588.5	326.0	115.9	126.8	134.2	137.0	216.9	107.5	159.5	94.4
Jul-03	1,596.7	324.5	113.8	124.4	141.4	140.3	214.1	109.3	160.8	97.8
Aug-03	1,603.8	325.4	119.1	122.9	145.3	140.3	210.3	107.4	165.3	94.1
Sep-03	1,605.7	331.4	114.4	123.9	143.7	131.9	211.2	112.2	167.5	96.0
Oct-03	1,625.9	330.9	117.4	125.4	145.0	140.8	213.6	108.9	166.6	99.6
Nov-03	1,623.9	328.3	119.9	127.2	143.2	136.9	214.5	108.1	166.5	98.4
Dec-03	1,645.8	328.5	123.5	126.4	143.8	139.3	220.0	110.7	169.3	97.4
Jan-04	1,629.8	339.6	119.7	128.2	140.8	138.7	215.6	109.1	163.6	95.9
Feb-04	1,610.6	325.5	116.3	124.4	138.5	137.3	212.5	111.7	168.3	98.6
Mar-04	1,617.9	331.2	112.9	129.8	141.5	132.4	220.7	108.3	168.3	100.1
Apr-04	1,610.4	320.0	117.0	131.7	142.4	132.4	218.6	105.4	173.3	98.3
May-04	1,625.3	322.8	117.9	131.8	144.8	136.9	217.2	104.7	170.7	98.9
Jun-04	1,637.9	321.3	123.1	129.9	143.0	137.0	224.4	112.3	176.5	97.9
Jul-04	1,638.9	324.6	124.4	127.9	141.5	134.9	221.6	113.0	177.7	97.6
Aug-04	1,628.8	316.4	118.3	138.5	143.0	128.1	218.5	116.6	177.0	99.0
Sep-04	1,636.7	314.2	118.0	132.3	142.2	138.6	226.3	115.1	178.2	98.8
Oct-04	1,636.8	311.4	118.3	134.3	152.0	135.0	217.7	115.7	179.4	97.3
Nov-04	1,633.0	310.3	113.3	133.1	158.5	136.2	218.4	111.4	181.6	96.0
Dec-04	1,641.3	311.9	113.0	136.1	154.3	133.2	222.7	112.8	182.7	96.7
(1-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,629.0	a 320.8	a 117.7	a 131.5	a 145.2	a 135.1	a 219.5	a 111.3	a 174.8	a 97.9
% change	1.7	-2.6	-0.6	4.1	5.1	-3.7	2.8	4.1	8.0	4.2
Last 12 months	1,629.0	320.8	117.7	131.5	145.2	135.1	219.5	111.3	174.8	97.9
Previous 12	1,602.1	329.4	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.3	213.5	107.0	161.9	94.0
% change	1.7	-2.6	-0.6	4.1	5.1	-3.7	2.8	4.1	8.0	4.2
% ch. year ago	-0.3	-5.1	-8.5	7.7	7.3	-4.4	1.2	1.9	7.9	-0.7
% ch. prev mnth	0.5	0.5	-0.3	2.3	-2.6	-2.2	2.0	1.3	0.6	0.7

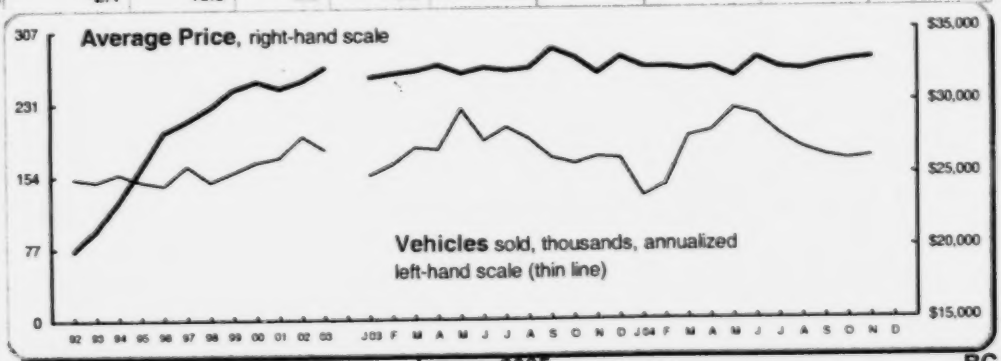




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

	Business				Consumer				
		Business	Bankruptcies Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada		Consumer	Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2000	35,693.9	21,515	980	9,184	113.3	38,105.1	2,151.5	167,770	5,286,870
2001	35,884.7	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	40,371.4	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	38,467.9	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	42,906.3	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
2003	39,910.7	23,243	1,002	9,385	120.4	44,033.9	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
Jan-02	3,046.6	1,504	206	805	115.4	3,502.9	144.3	13,737	432,290
Feb-02	3,062.8	1,876	236	803	115.9	3,531.8	143.6	13,965	439,351
Mar-02	3,094.4	1,655	208	861	116.6	3,548.5	176.5	16,071	504,331
Apr-02	3,145.9	1,944	238	846	117.7	3,530.2	182.0	17,098	536,147
May-02	3,181.1	1,849	194	817	118.1	3,566.8	196.7	20,729	640,620
Jun-02	3,223.1	1,624	166	809	118.2	3,628.9	195.9	20,099	632,543
Jul-02	3,198.0	2,034	170	796	118.5	3,551.4	188.6	17,009	537,576
Aug-02	3,288.5	1,524	176	797	118.7	3,577.5	198.6	15,728	488,008
Sep-02	3,278.5	1,755	132	795	118.8	3,572.1	187.0	14,829	472,900
Oct-02	3,294.7	2,000	194	851	118.7	3,627.3	201.3	14,986	474,423
Nov-02	3,331.2	1,901	122	717	118.9	3,632.8	243.6	14,557	472,875
Dec-02	3,323.1	1,596	168	630	118.8	3,636.1	367.2	16,324	520,565
Jan-03	3,478.7	2,122	202	731	119.0	3,660.4	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	3,450.7	1,804	186	857	119.6	3,714.2	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	3,403.0	1,952	206	879	120.6	3,593.8	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	3,264.9	1,844	184	862	120.4	3,608.0	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	3,242.6	1,747	136	761	120.4	3,613.6	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	3,196.9	2,047	186	840	120.2	3,625.9	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	3,229.5	1,837	162	821	120.5	3,663.5	197.8	16,982	546,553
Aug-03	3,193.2	1,818	122	684	120.9	3,771.0	214.1	15,961	516,156
Sep-03	3,306.8	2,056	174	767	121.2	3,683.8	197.6	14,310	482,072
Oct-03	3,320.3	2,023	150	827	120.6	3,683.1	211.5	13,784	455,682
Nov-03	3,390.7	2,050	146	709	120.8	3,707.6	253.9	14,389	460,714
Dec-03	3,433.3	1,943	150	655	120.9	3,709.0	370.8	14,242	471,844
Jan-04	3,355.9	2,115	79	665	120.8	3,705.1	162.3	10,894	353,088
Feb-04	3,359.2	2,015	71	757	121.3	3,774.5	168.7	11,896	385,560
Mar-04	3,473.6	2,045	89	877	121.6	3,850.8	191.2	16,155	520,855
Apr-04	3,611.3	2,109	94	730	122.4	3,890.4	213.5	16,582	537,134
May-04	3,605.3	2,156	73	692	123.4	3,899.5	220.2	18,600	589,843
Jun-04	3,629.7	2,337	75	832	123.6	3,919.2	223.2	18,040	595,439
Jul-04	3,767.9	2,075	68	618	123.4	3,970.9	228.5	16,246	524,992
Aug-04	3,780.5	2,031	74	610	123.3	3,941.5	227.6	15,073	485,016
Sep-04	3,730.9	2,022	57	681	123.5	3,994.4	224.6	14,388	468,677
Oct-04	3,813.7	2,015	79	684	123.5	4,011.9	235.7	14,063	461,510
Nov-04	3,721.7	2,109	81	643	123.7	3,963.6	259.9	14,294	471,182
Dec-04	-	2,399	-	-	123.5	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 39,849.6	t 25,428	t 840	t 7,789	a 122.8	t 42,921.7	t 2,355.4	t 166,231	t 5,393,296
% change	9.2	9.4	-9.4	-10.9	2.0	6.4	9.7	-0.3	-0.1
Last 12 months	43,282.9	25,428	915	8,444	122.8	46,630.6	2,726.3	180,473	5,865,140
Previous 12	39,800.5	23,243	1,011	9,368	120.4	43,961.0	2,514.0	183,006	5,917,097
% change	8.7	9.4	-9.5	-9.9	2.0	6.1	8.4	-1.4	-0.9
% ch. year ago	9.8	23.5	11.0	-9.3	2.2	6.9	2.4	-0.7	2.3
% ch. prev mnth	-2.4	13.8	2.5	-6.0	-0.2	-1.2	10.3	1.6	2.1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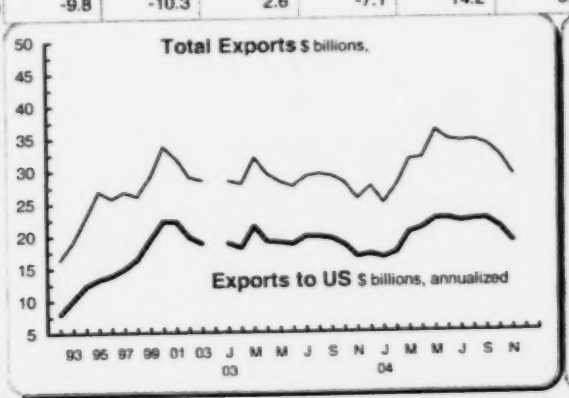
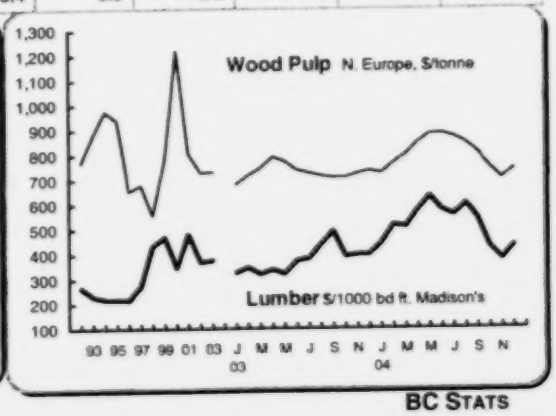
5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

Period	BC Origin Exports to			Imports through BC ports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan		Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
	Unadjusted										
2000	33,752.2	22,197.6	4,890.8	30,804.2	344.86	1,218.08	1.22	413.95	7.35	9.11	45.04
2001	31,814.1	22,110.7	4,067.6	31,636.8	480.11	804.60	1.11	419.83	6.79	7.45	40.08
2002	29,024.7	19,694.3	3,865.9	31,527.3	368.25	727.84	1.11	486.82	7.23	0.56	40.95
2003	28,515.9	18,807.1	3,649.4	31,262.3	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
Jan-02	2,129.5	1,518.1	232.2	2,200.5	374.07	748.73	1.09	450.50	7.20	0.58	31.48
Feb-02	2,214.3	1,537.4	255.2	2,420.4	410.93	726.50	1.13	471.56	7.10	0.61	33.10
Mar-02	2,534.5	1,743.6	334.7	2,450.9	463.73	699.27	1.16	466.68	7.25	0.63	38.76
Apr-02	2,625.7	1,859.7	283.3	2,780.3	433.29	685.73	1.14	478.65	7.29	0.58	41.54
May-02	2,655.4	1,887.9	354.2	2,495.8	409.42	696.57	1.12	487.35	7.26	0.54	41.87
Jun-02	2,299.0	1,458.4	332.4	2,623.5	379.09	722.21	1.15	491.77	7.49	0.53	39.09
Jul-02	2,410.2	1,593.2	351.1	2,642.5	374.50	749.23	1.10	484.88	7.60	0.55	41.65
Aug-02	2,430.5	1,656.5	351.9	2,714.0	354.35	769.87	1.05	486.68	7.12	0.56	44.50
Sep-02	2,396.5	1,622.3	318.0	2,913.8	315.17	766.30	1.05	503.47	7.18	0.54	46.76
Oct-02	2,521.5	1,709.0	359.0	2,943.1	309.25	749.38	1.06	499.47	6.95	0.54	45.52
Nov-02	2,390.8	1,575.8	321.9	2,732.2	287.96	724.98	1.13	501.38	7.09	0.55	41.28
Dec-02	2,416.9	1,532.4	372.1	2,610.4	307.19	695.33	1.13	519.43	7.23	0.56	45.88
Jan-03	2,365.1	1,563.5	308.4	2,405.6	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	50.76
Feb-03	2,332.7	1,505.8	302.4	2,454.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	54.25
Mar-03	2,658.8	1,777.1	321.1	2,908.9	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	49.52
Apr-03	2,450.3	1,585.4	346.3	2,843.0	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	41.20
May-03	2,350.5	1,569.1	333.6	2,668.2	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	38.96
Jun-03	2,296.0	1,549.7	282.2	2,669.8	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	41.54
Jul-03	2,426.3	1,649.3	310.8	2,527.0	380.61	725.92	1.08	483.25	6.59	0.51	42.50
Aug-03	2,456.0	1,644.6	287.8	2,392.2	437.68	713.99	1.12	502.11	6.98	0.52	44.09
Sep-03	2,427.9	1,623.5	318.0	2,682.3	490.22	706.94	1.10	516.59	7.05	0.50	38.57
Oct-03	2,340.2	1,537.1	276.5	2,839.9	391.27	708.01	1.15	500.75	6.57	0.54	40.09
Nov-03	2,126.9	1,387.9	261.4	2,461.6	397.71	723.23	1.22	511.60	6.80	0.54	40.81
Dec-03	2,285.2	1,414.0	300.9	2,409.3	397.79	733.87	1.31	534.94	7.38	0.58	42.21
Jan-04	2,072.2	1,367.5	247.6	2,149.3	441.93	725.75	1.43	536.18	8.18	0.60	44.41
Feb-04	2,294.4	1,434.5	283.6	2,440.0	515.64	765.48	1.66	538.07	8.56	0.65	46.17
Mar-04	2,629.9	1,694.0	322.3	3,025.8	508.76	798.34	1.81	540.20	9.60	0.66	48.83
Apr-04	2,656.7	1,739.9	279.7	2,683.0	574.57	845.74	1.79	541.36	9.48	0.63	49.25
May-04	3,001.6	1,863.0	390.2	2,950.1	628.52	882.13	1.61	528.97	8.06	0.61	55.52
Jun-04	2,880.3	1,865.5	383.0	2,865.6	577.01	883.84	1.66	532.62	7.96	0.62	51.62
Jul-04	2,860.4	1,832.3	350.1	2,802.2	555.22	871.16	1.69	526.25	8.34	0.59	53.79
Aug-04	2,874.1	1,849.5	350.4	2,828.7	599.48	847.40	1.69	525.31	8.74	0.58	58.95
Sep-04	2,819.3	1,854.5	328.7	2,875.8	543.45	807.45	1.69	521.92	8.24	0.57	59.17
Oct-04	2,682.5	1,746.9	266.1	2,862.1	425.21	745.67	1.70	524.29	8.85	0.60	66.25
Nov-04	2,420.9	1,566.9	273.0	2,657.8	376.76	703.29	1.67	525.54	8.95	0.60	57.96
Dec-04	-	-	-	-	430.35	741.22	1.73	538.58	8.66	0.66	52.82
(Mot. 8-avg) YTD	t 29,192.2	t 18,814.6	t 3,474.9	t 30,140.4	a 514.74	a 801.46	a 1.68	a 531.61	a 8.64	a 0.61	a 53.73
% change	11.3	8.2	3.8	4.5	36.9	9.8	49.0	4.7	26.8	17.4	22.9
Last 12 months	31,477.4	20,228.6	3,775.8	32,549.7	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
Previous 12	28,647.6	18,925.4	3,720.5	31,463.5	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
% change	9.9	6.9	1.5	3.5	36.9	9.8	49.0	4.7	26.8	17.4	22.9
% ch. year ago	13.8	12.9	4.4	8.0	8.2	1.0	32.1	0.7	17.3	13.8	25.1
% ch. prev mnth	-9.8	-10.3	2.6	-7.1	14.2	5.4	3.6	2.5	-3.2	10.0	-8.9

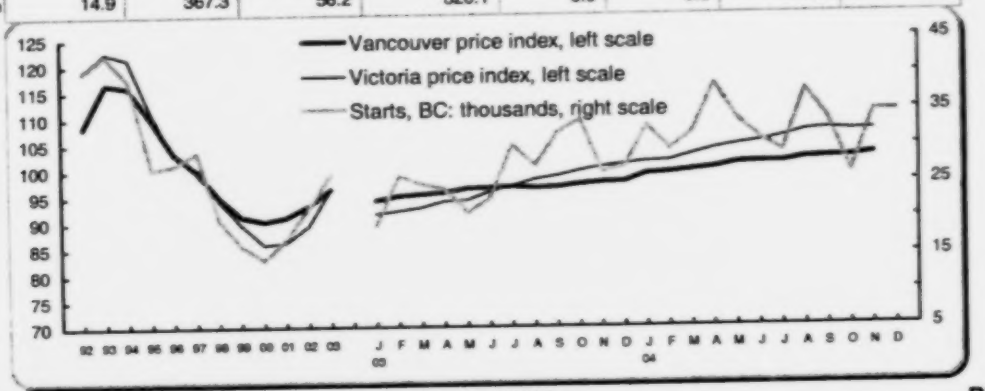




6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

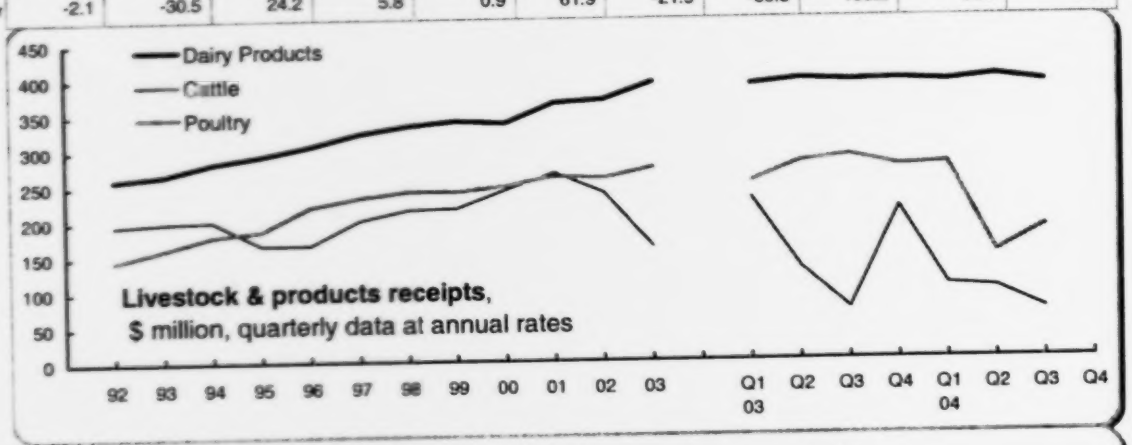
Period	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada) Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Housing Starts All Areas	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada) Vancouver	Victoria	MLS® Average Sale Price
	$ thousand				Thousands	1997=100		$
	Seasonally Adjusted				SAAR	Unadjusted		
2000	2,403,140	295,525	1,297,270	496,062	14.4	90.2	85.8	216,989
2001	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	90.9	86.2	220,952
2002	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	93.2	89.3	238,758
2003	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
Jan-02	242,575	9,047	116,013	15,140	19.7	92.3	86.5	227,278
Feb-02	301,852	7,837	79,757	28,726	17.3	92.5	86.6	239,065
Mar-02	317,655	8,965	80,423	45,184	21.8	92.8	86.6	240,277
Apr-02	362,106	40,967	98,735	30,001	14.9	93.2	86.6	241,274
May-02	282,586	13,653	74,523	45,177	22.4	93.2	89.6	240,626
Jun-02	296,417	18,780	128,853	42,078	24.3	93.2	90.2	237,494
Jul-02	309,953	44,226	79,835	40,013	20.1	93.2	90.1	232,181
Aug-02	353,157	21,649	69,807	33,380	31.5	93.2	90.5	233,105
Sep-02	298,374	13,330	105,812	35,673	18.8	93.4	90.9	241,662
Oct-02	391,036	19,862	99,432	35,024	21.4	93.8	91.5	240,719
Nov-02	317,722	19,811	95,143	33,440	25.6	93.9	91.4	245,895
Dec-02	414,716	11,992	88,408	40,572	23.1	93.9	91.6	244,004
Jan-03	331,653	18,846	134,757	36,147	19.2	94.2	91.6	242,202
Feb-03	295,235	11,044	69,701	32,490	26.0	95.0	92.2	252,186
Mar-03	430,535	10,789	79,062	26,781	24.8	95.3	92.8	252,979
Apr-03	320,996	36,824	81,144	54,800	24.2	95.6	93.9	250,071
May-03	353,958	13,091	84,481	27,533	20.9	96.4	94.2	250,522
Jun-03	343,046	16,070	86,835	37,552	22.8	96.5	95.7	256,107
Jul-03	404,736	35,241	105,973	66,054	30.2	96.7	96.8	255,162
Aug-03	352,072	16,783	96,769	42,377	27.3	96.5	98.1	264,008
Sep-03	445,664	23,417	124,076	95,302	31.9	96.6	98.7	267,870
Oct-03	409,324	30,595	56,777	27,273	33.7	97.1	99.7	271,750
Nov-03	358,096	20,284	120,027	27,003	26.4	97.5	100.4	278,780
Dec-03	468,873	11,040	90,020	33,094	27.2	97.6	100.9	276,371
Jan-04	516,123	6,975	178,911	22,549	32.8	99.0	101.4	274,852
Feb-04	501,165	24,863	111,340	9,945	29.5	99.2	101.5	282,348
Mar-04	452,059	15,345	91,292	28,341	31.8	99.7	102.6	286,844
Apr-04	443,556	13,719	85,469	19,088	38.5	100.1	103.7	291,398
May-04	443,367	17,654	84,425	36,251	33.6	100.9	104.4	289,975
Jun-04	810,174	48,215	150,230	61,559	30.9	101.0	105.0	287,188
Jul-04	468,559	27,028	67,644	70,948	29.1	101.1	105.8	281,599
Aug-04	403,198	37,724	127,658	39,387	37.6	101.8	107.0	284,685
Sep-04	478,726	27,861	111,808	35,766	33.6	101.9	107.3	288,340
Oct-04	456,041	14,598	61,541	15,393	26.1	102.0	107.0	301,576
Nov-04	523,806	68,221	96,132	64,662	34.6	102.5	107.1	296,667
Dec-04	-	-	-	-	34.6	-	-	303,977
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 5,496,774	t 302,203	t 1,166,450	t 403,889	a 32.7	a 100.8	a 104.8	a 289,121
% change	35.9	29.7	12.2	-14.7	24.8	4.9	9.4	11.3
Last 12 months	5,965,647	313,243	1,256,470	436,963	32.7	100.6	104.5	289,121
Previous 12	4,460,031	244,976	1,128,010	513,884	26.2	95.9	95.5	259,834
% change	33.8	27.9	11.4	-15.0	24.8	4.8	9.4	11.3
% ch. year ago	46.3	236.3	-19.9	139.5	27.2	5.1	6.7	10.0
% ch. prev mnth	14.9	367.3	56.2	320.1	0.0	0.5	0.1	2.5

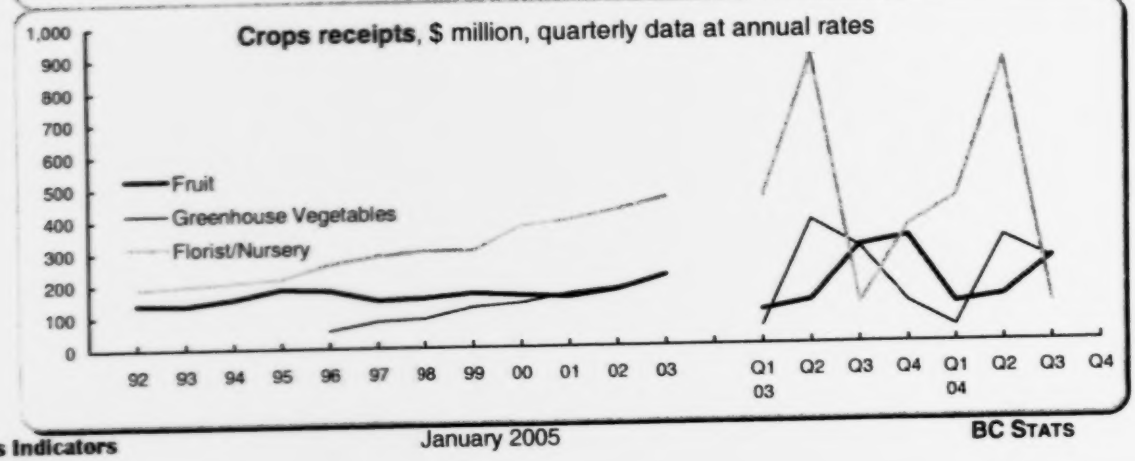


7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total Farm Cash Receipts
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2000	336,977	242,422	247,319	273,434	1,100,152	160,591	136,936	377,167	235,049	909,743	2,048,439
2001	364,478	265,941	260,897	279,450	1,170,766	154,782	163,835	394,354	280,866	993,837	2,224,466
2002	368,630	237,188	257,753	265,738	1,129,309	173,978	180,247	423,694	258,557	1,036,476	2,196,700
2003	393,102	160,867	272,982	255,385	1,082,336	217,388	215,182	460,747	243,047	1,136,364	2,278,106
Q1-02	95,023	70,323	60,131	64,486	289,963	19,011	11,751	105,923	59,911	196,596	496,177
Q2-02	90,794	58,032	66,268	52,408	267,502	23,608	80,065	206,176	42,643	352,492	623,192
Q3-02	89,238	51,523	67,294	57,521	265,576	60,361	62,239	28,157	75,398	226,155	497,482
Q4-02	93,575	57,310	64,060	91,323	306,268	70,998	26,192	83,438	80,605	261,233	579,849
Q1-03	97,255	57,247	63,149	60,135	277,786	26,415	13,979	115,185	57,380	212,959	498,536
Q2-03	99,044	32,438	69,928	49,293	250,703	33,494	95,701	224,224	42,068	395,487	650,559
Q3-03	98,158	17,693	71,786	57,619	245,256	75,164	74,195	30,689	66,374	246,422	502,792
Q4-03	98,645	53,489	68,119	88,338	308,591	82,315	31,307	90,649	77,225	281,496	626,219
Q1-04	97,946	25,898	68,963	59,459	252,266	30,324	12,089	112,918	64,142	219,473	498,392
Q2-04	99,669	24,797	37,232	42,025	203,723	35,417	81,282	219,810	43,131	379,640	609,991
Q3-04	97,554	17,223	46,248	44,478	205,503	64,894	63,506	30,086	74,119	232,605	451,974
Q4-04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(4-tot, 8-avg) YTD	t 295,169	t 67,918	t 152,443	t 145,962	t 661,492	t 130,635	t 156,877	t 362,814	t 181,392	t 831,718	t 1,560,357
% change	0.2	-36.7	-25.6	-12.6	-14.5	-3.3	-14.7	-2.0	9.4	-2.7	-5.5
Last 4 quarters	393,814	121,407	220,562	234,300	970,083	212,950	188,184	453,463	258,617	1,113,214	2,186,576
Previous 4	388,032	164,688	268,923	258,370	1,080,013	206,071	210,067	453,536	246,427	1,116,101	2,231,736
% change	1.5	-26.3	-18.0	-9.3	-10.2	3.3	-10.4	0.0	4.9	-0.3	-2.0
% ch. year ago	-0.6	-2.7	-35.6	-22.8	-16.2	-9.3	-14.4	-2.0	9.6	-5.6	-10.1
% ch. prev qtr	-2.1	-30.5	24.2	5.8	0.9	61.9	-21.9	-86.3	100.2	-38.7	-25.9

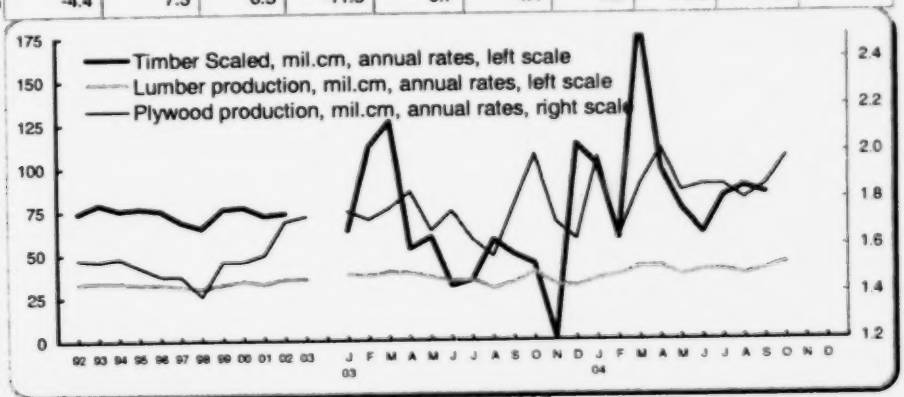




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

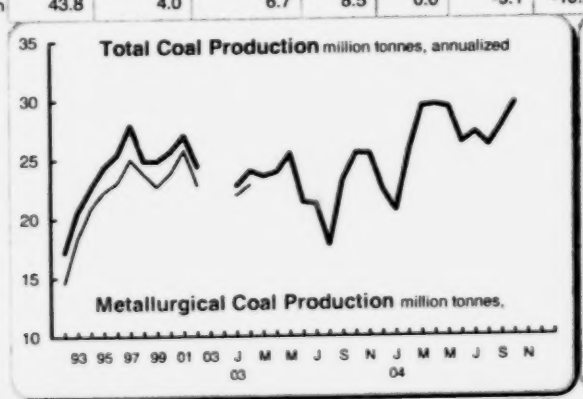
Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Thousand cubic metres			Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2000	76,988	34,345.5	1,539	1,428	1,665	3,093	5,152	1,452	1,674	8,289
2001	72,212	32,605.7	1,567	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,519	35,500.9	1,710	1,159	1,731	2,890	4,477	1,171	1,729	7,380
2003	-	35,423.3	1,732	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
Jan-02	3,366	2,976.0	144	76	134	210	317	78	130	525
Feb-02	8,011	2,912.6	129	89	133	222	368	84	125	576
Mar-02	9,078	2,816.7	138	84	140	224	394	88	141	623
Apr-02	7,434	3,321.6	145	95	142	237	390	99	138	627
May-02	2,623	3,002.4	148	106	141	247	355	94	142	595
Jun-02	2,774	2,957.7	152	97	136	233	430	112	145	687
Jul-02	4,493	2,949.1	145	105	151	256	392	107	150	649
Aug-02	5,810	2,832.3	140	97	156	253	341	100	152	593
Sep-02	6,361	2,950.8	146	103	129	232	348	99	145	592
Oct-02	6,665	3,318.1	153	107	157	264	340	104	159	603
Nov-02	8,844	2,889.9	136	97	159	256	383	96	152	631
Dec-02	8,060	2,573.7	134	103	153	256	419	110	150	679
Jan-03	5,290	3,192.1	146	106	154	260	441	104	145	689
Feb-03	9,296	3,114.6	143	95	141	236	390	90	153	633
Mar-03	10,494	3,290.3	147	106	143	249	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,232.9	153	102	148	250	374	100	152	626
May-03	4,933	3,040.7	139	97	154	251	336	96	150	582
Jun-03	2,615	2,857.8	146	88	116	204	358	104	132	594
Jul-03	2,884	2,898.5	136	103	124	227	434	97	133	593
Aug-03	4,805	2,450.7	130	102	121	223	416	94	137	646
Sep-03	4,126	2,804.0	148	92	125	217	448	102	133	683
Oct-03	3,647	3,298.2	166	101	166	267	382	90	156	628
Nov-03	69	2,661.6	142	100	152	252	371	104	149	625
Dec-03	9,362	2,581.9	136	98	148	246	419	95	145	659
Jan-04	8,387	2,972.5	165	103	151	254	389	96	139	624
Feb-04	4,894	3,116.9	137	96	147	243	387	96	140	622
Mar-04	15,492	3,497.0	155	98	164	262	386	112	171	669
Apr-04	8,174	3,494.7	168	102	156	258	388	89	155	631
May-04	6,313	3,095.0	153	95	147	242	392	97	156	645
Jun-04	5,090	3,330.0	155	84	145	229	353	103	154	610
Jul-04	6,876	3,349.8	155	96	159	255	360	93	159	612
Aug-04	7,327	3,114.5	150	88	156	244	350	82	147	580
Sep-04	7,002	3,382.7	155	85	153	238	391	89	150	630
Oct-04	-	3,636.8	165	104	148	252	449	86	149	684
Nov-04	-	-	-	92	149	241	415	96	155	665
Dec-04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, 8-avg) YTD	t 69,555	t 32,990	t 1,558	t 1,043	t 1,675	t 2,718	t 4,260	t 1,039	t 1,675	t 6,972
% change	42.4	9.3	7.2	-4.5	8.5	3.1	-1.9	-4.8	5.5	0.3
Last 12 months	82,633	38,233	1,836	1,141	1,823	2,964	4,679	1,134	1,820	7,631
Previous 12	72,415	35,643	1,724	1,195	1,697	2,892	4,762	1,201	1,738	7,629
% change	14.1	7.3	6.5	-4.5	7.4	2.5	-1.7	-5.6	4.7	0.0
% ch. year ago	69.7	10.3	-0.6	-8.0	-2.0	-4.4	11.9	-7.7	4.0	6.4
% ch prev mnth	-4.4	7.5	6.5	-11.5	0.7	-4.4	-7.6	11.6	4.0	-2.8

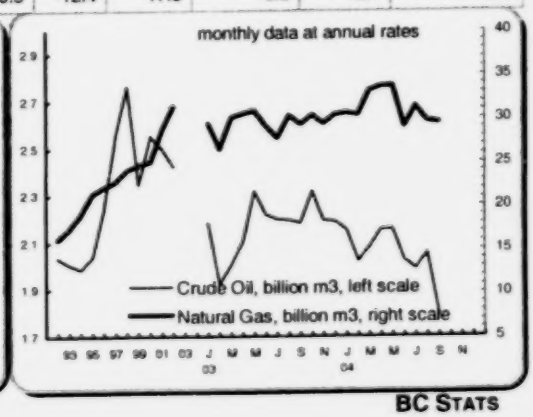


9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Statistics Canada (total) & Min. of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

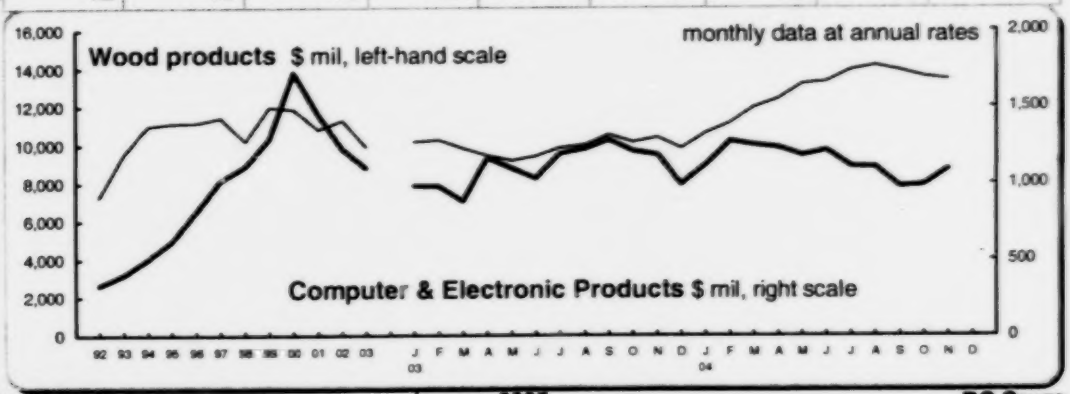
	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
Period	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2000	1,455.1	23,804.3	25,682.0	270.7	46.9	145.5	7.0	25.2	586.9	25,024.3	2,552.3	68,240,926
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,006.0	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	22,821.7	24,397.0	248.3	6.3	68.0	8.0	21.7	652.7	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
2003	-	-	23,061.0	247.9	6.3	64.0	9.7	22.3	660.7	-	-	63,050,922
Jan-02	67.9	1,876.8	1,945.0	20.6	2.6	2.4	0.8	1.7	53.1	2,576.8	191.9	6,165,789
Feb-02	112.6	1,662.4	1,775.0	19.9	0.1	2.1	0.6	1.2	31.7	2,396.8	183.7	5,280,213
Mar-02	77.4	1,946.8	2,024.0	21.7	0.1	2.1	0.6	2.1	72.3	2,784.5	216.2	5,077,051
Apr-02	160.0	2,036.4	2,196.0	21.1	0.2	5.0	0.6	1.7	62.1	2,752.2	208.6	4,766,468
May-02	178.3	2,383.4	2,562.0	22.3	0.2	5.1	0.5	1.8	60.6	2,834.6	208.9	4,113,119
Jun-02	216.3	1,987.6	2,204.0	21.0	0.6	9.3	0.7	1.8	45.6	2,686.3	208.9	4,138,878
Jul-02	141.2	1,826.9	1,968.0	20.8	0.6	5.5	0.6	1.7	47.0	2,733.3	206.0	5,635,688
Aug-02	179.2	1,766.0	1,933.0	18.7	0.2	8.6	0.5	1.8	53.5	2,432.3	200.9	5,606,627
Sep-02	124.6	1,887.6	2,013.0	19.5	0.7	8.0	0.7	1.9	61.5	2,416.1	200.6	5,567,904
Oct-02	155.4	1,873.6	2,029.0	20.2	0.2	8.2	0.5	2.0	65.3	2,663.3	207.8	5,839,764
Nov-02	101.5	1,932.8	2,034.0	20.7	0.6	9.6	0.9	1.6	42.0	2,500.6	194.8	6,158,034
Dec-02	72.7	1,641.4	1,714.0	21.9	0.1	2.0	1.0	2.4	60.1	2,547.1	195.4	6,595,456
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,897.0	19.6	1.3	7.9	0.8	1.5	36.2	2,449.3	181.6	6,305,368
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.0	18.4	0.8	7.1	0.7	1.8	47.1	2,211.7	160.1	5,415,832
Mar-03	-	-	1,965.0	19.8	0.9	0.3	0.8	2.0	76.7	2,507.3	167.0	5,452,418
Apr-03	-	-	1,992.0	21.0	1.1	6.6	0.7	1.6	54.5	2,544.6	175.2	4,399,687
May-03	-	-	2,124.0	21.1	0.4	6.6	0.7	2.0	56.0	2,567.7	193.1	4,373,885
Jun-03	-	-	1,781.0	18.9	0.1	6.5	0.8	2.0	44.8	2,419.6	184.9	4,296,546
Jul-03	-	-	1,768.0	20.6	0.4	2.7	0.6	1.6	48.7	2,311.8	183.3	5,246,845
Aug-03	-	-	1,478.0	21.6	0.2	6.1	0.7	2.1	64.4	2,524.6	182.9	5,339,448
Sep-03	-	-	1,943.0	20.6	0.5	5.8	0.8	2.3	72.5	2,443.4	181.8	4,806,675
Oct-03	-	-	2,125.0	20.8	-	-	0.9	1.5	44.3	2,525.4	193.0	4,959,737
Nov-03	-	-	2,121.0	19.6	0.1	3.8	1.0	1.9	55.6	2,447.0	182.8	5,960,032
Dec-03	-	-	1,868.0	25.9	0.5	10.6	1.2	2.2	58.0	2,531.0	182.5	6,494,449
Jan-04	-	-	1,721.0	15.2	-	-	0.7	0.9	32.5	2,548.7	179.4	6,694,914
Feb-04	-	-	2,137.0	17.3	-	-	0.8	1.0	38.0	2,535.2	168.5	5,443,423
Mar-04	-	-	2,452.0	20.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	2.0	62.9	2,759.0	173.2	4,945,324
Apr-04	-	-	2,465.0	20.0	0.1	11.6	0.9	2.2	65.5	2,801.1	179.4	4,513,015
May-04	-	-	2,445.0	18.8	0.4	6.7	0.8	1.9	50.4	2,806.2	179.6	4,384,434
Jun-04	-	-	2,197.0	19.5	0.4	3.2	0.7	1.5	46.3	2,422.0	168.7	4,135,339
Jul-04	-	-	2,267.0	19.6	0.1	6.1	1.0	1.3	30.7	2,614.3	165.6	5,161,236
Aug-04	-	-	2,179.0	19.3	-	-	0.7	1.5	36.6	2,471.6	171.2	4,982,956
Sep-04	-	-	2,319.0	20.2	0.3	7.0	0.7	1.9	60.0	2,459.6	149.4	4,064,879
Oct-04	-	-	2,474.0	20.1	-	3.3	0.8	2.2	54.8	-	-	4,667,975
Nov-04	-	-	-	21.8	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.9	64.4	-	-	-
Dec-04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.8	t 22,656.0	t 212.6	t 1.9	t 41.2	t 8.8	t 18.5	t 542.1	t 23,417.7	t 1,535.0	t 48,993,495
% change	-10.2	5.5	18.8	-4.2	-67.8	-22.8	2.9	-8.0	-9.8	6.5	-4.7	-3.2
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	26,645.0	238.5	2.4	51.8	9.9	20.7	600.1	30,921.1	2,093.3	61,447,976
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	22,820.0	243.9	5.9	55.4	9.5	22.5	660.9	29,691.0	2,207.9	63,349,931
% change	15.8	-8.3	16.8	-2.2	-60.1	-6.5	4.4	-7.8	-9.2	4.1	-5.2	-3.0
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	16.4	11.2	184.9	-21.1	-28.6	-0.5	15.8	0.7	-17.8	-5.9
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	6.7	8.5	0.0	-9.1	-10.3	-12.4	17.5	-0.5	-12.7	14.8





10 Manufacturing – Durables, NAICS based

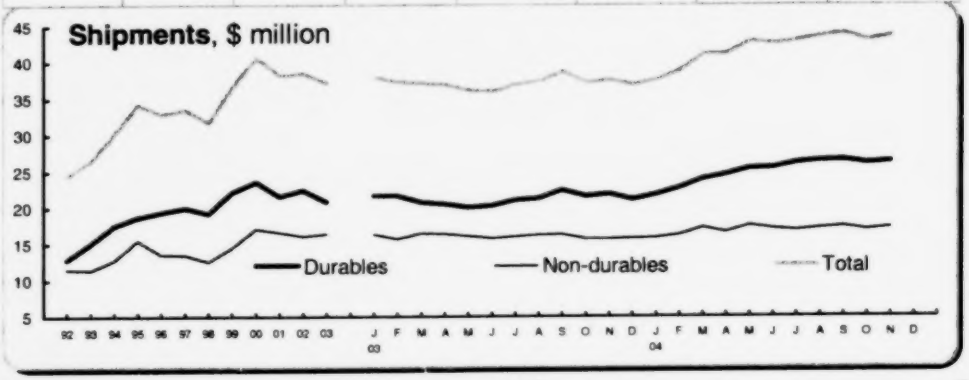
Period	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2000	40,698,962	23,615,255	11,872,051	1,036,766	1,694,528	1,635,237	1,721,316	623,948	1,772,040
2001	38,281,059	21,619,091	10,816,922	1,057,070	1,697,983	1,539,078	1,448,553	-	1,670,882
2002	38,498,922	22,438,355	11,269,596	1,268,304	1,714,105	1,684,598	1,223,672	-	1,564,813
2003	37,222,910	20,793,748	9,913,006	1,415,721	1,721,456	1,837,105	1,101,172	-	990,928
Jan-02	3,042,652	1,803,955	903,807	83,870	141,710	121,215	109,335	-	120,868
Feb-02	3,143,754	1,885,956	962,398	94,714	142,716	120,562	104,414	-	136,678
Mar-02	3,250,956	1,915,789	964,613	90,461	136,637	140,185	103,391	-	138,960
Apr-02	3,288,394	2,028,293	1,019,834	103,220	150,396	133,660	114,531	-	163,470
May-02	3,283,644	1,998,788	1,006,173	106,907	150,757	136,080	106,976	-	140,276
Jun-02	3,231,575	1,886,830	892,120	103,024	144,625	139,747	96,860	-	161,044
Jul-02	3,283,111	1,953,892	926,348	112,232	145,454	137,836	109,387	-	165,195
Aug-02	3,290,342	1,942,767	974,670	113,848	144,571	143,409	99,289	-	140,781
Sep-02	3,153,016	1,841,897	888,442	111,112	138,745	144,351	104,566	-	137,448
Oct-02	3,185,515	1,870,571	938,745	112,041	138,690	146,282	96,728	-	81,544
Nov-02	3,155,546	1,838,702	881,630	114,287	142,526	156,570	92,167	-	88,140
Dec-02	3,190,433	1,864,469	910,816	122,588	137,279	164,702	86,028	-	90,410
Jan-03	3,164,967	1,805,828	848,232	122,349	147,252	152,120	81,985	-	91,364
Feb-03	3,114,221	1,803,605	854,947	124,028	150,738	159,093	81,532	-	82,947
Mar-03	3,101,344	1,727,907	819,369	119,359	142,397	150,844	73,327	-	85,823
Apr-03	3,077,958	1,708,788	787,026	116,132	140,266	150,711	97,091	-	84,002
May-03	3,015,018	1,671,370	765,498	113,902	139,050	154,895	91,238	-	78,688
Jun-03	3,001,714	1,689,198	783,494	114,034	141,644	147,459	85,899	-	77,791
Jul-03	3,084,801	1,752,470	821,608	110,606	138,119	153,452	99,550	-	78,314
Aug-03	3,122,837	1,771,393	832,612	110,366	136,967	159,425	102,097	-	75,893
Sep-03	3,230,285	1,867,294	876,807	120,488	160,765	150,932	106,773	-	87,863
Oct-03	3,109,195	1,801,871	844,691	114,954	140,173	156,487	100,837	-	81,295
Nov-03	3,130,404	1,822,107	864,059	120,449	137,503	157,331	98,763	-	83,434
Dec-03	3,078,202	1,763,039	817,629	128,709	148,359	144,978	82,669	-	82,873
Jan-04	3,139,030	1,817,132	883,502	124,938	140,278	162,475	93,293	-	92,796
Feb-04	3,248,100	1,895,010	927,563	131,360	152,267	159,642	106,117	-	84,662
Mar-04	3,432,322	1,994,141	996,736	130,608	160,410	167,951	104,074	-	93,553
Apr-04	3,434,877	2,046,807	1,032,633	130,168	164,084	169,156	102,572	-	83,093
May-04	3,579,167	2,119,780	1,097,551	122,781	170,350	172,029	98,301	-	91,674
Jun-04	3,549,809	2,127,933	1,107,156	125,889	166,999	172,614	101,204	-	86,974
Jul-04	3,584,476	2,181,628	1,157,325	124,235	167,477	197,510	92,331	-	81,878
Aug-04	3,636,166	2,206,071	1,179,040	123,029	173,207	186,636	92,045	-	88,291
Sep-04	3,666,097	2,216,032	1,156,942	130,509	181,497	190,944	81,420	-	90,340
Oct-04	3,588,044	2,176,246	1,128,364	136,244	179,427	181,788	82,158	-	97,846
Nov-04	3,632,130	2,197,297	1,116,550	143,378	186,749	184,495	90,775	-	95,626
Dec-04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 38,490,218	t 22,978,077	t 11,783,362	t 1,423,139	t 1,842,745	t 1,945,240	t 1,044,290	t 0	t 986,733
% change	12.7	18.3	29.5	10.6	17.0	14.9	2.5	0.0	8.7
Last 12 months	41,568,420	24,741,116	12,600,991	1,551,848	1,991,104	2,090,218	1,126,959	0	1,069,606
Previous 12	37,343,177	21,286,300	10,009,159	1,409,255	1,712,153	1,857,451	1,105,120	0	997,824
% change	11.3	16.2	25.9	10.1	16.3	12.5	2.0	0.0	7.2
% ch. year ago	16.0	20.6	29.2	19.0	35.8	17.3	-8.1	0.0	14.6
% ch prev mnth	1.2	1.0	-1.0	5.2	4.1	1.5	10.5	0.0	-2.3



11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)

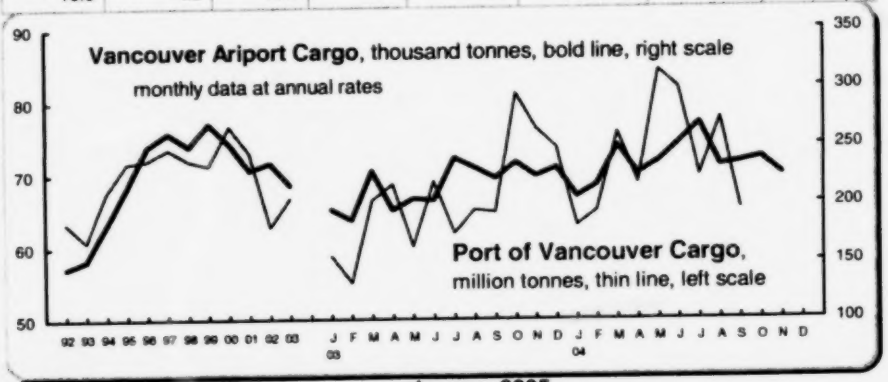
Period	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
	Seasonally Adjusted							
2000	17,083,707	4,108,027	1,032,304	7,500,033	852,513	-	1,009,188	976,278
2001	16,661,964	4,504,561	992,470	6,264,089	908,529	-	1,000,572	1,051,738
2002	16,060,566	4,725,249	1,087,141	5,497,354	828,868	-	1,016,553	1,054,264
2003	16,429,161	4,889,680	1,091,227	5,651,945	758,499	-	1,083,911	1,155,869
Jan-02	1,238,697	390,668	81,054	404,798	72,932	-	82,123	82,998
Feb-02	1,257,798	395,694	82,063	423,484	73,237	-	80,320	85,333
Mar-02	1,335,167	383,575	86,291	485,226	73,195	-	84,408	86,677
Apr-02	1,260,101	384,397	85,740	424,862	72,070	-	82,344	86,452
May-02	1,284,856	398,520	87,316	432,154	71,311	-	82,877	88,520
Jun-02	1,344,745	390,176	92,724	490,516	70,784	-	85,908	90,909
Jul-02	1,329,219	383,949	92,887	473,611	76,623	-	85,735	90,523
Aug-02	1,347,575	398,114	93,859	486,447	70,381	-	87,606	92,897
Sep-02	1,311,119	392,398	93,486	473,360	60,101	-	87,552	84,085
Oct-02	1,314,944	404,453	96,713	453,653	63,392	-	90,504	89,234
Nov-02	1,316,844	396,287	99,558	479,743	63,389	-	84,614	84,539
Dec-02	1,325,964	407,019	95,449	469,500	61,454	-	82,563	92,097
Jan-03	1,359,139	422,828	95,107	474,258	64,092	-	90,343	93,212
Feb-03	1,310,616	404,816	91,314	437,486	64,376	-	93,025	96,900
Mar-03	1,373,437	407,343	90,549	503,421	61,437	-	88,018	96,742
Apr-03	1,369,170	409,493	90,356	493,698	59,123	-	98,169	95,853
May-03	1,343,648	397,871	95,027	486,279	58,329	-	91,857	97,108
Jun-03	1,312,516	401,080	89,283	459,710	63,011	-	85,500	100,325
Jul-03	1,332,331	409,401	84,762	470,456	60,696	-	89,358	101,010
Aug-03	1,351,444	407,509	87,981	478,760	73,482	-	92,420	95,943
Sep-03	1,362,991	411,263	90,344	497,849	63,947	-	88,287	94,718
Oct-03	1,307,324	408,216	96,176	442,615	61,903	-	86,386	96,182
Nov-03	1,308,297	406,167	88,030	448,053	64,497	-	91,309	94,456
Dec-03	1,315,163	402,826	92,630	459,360	63,535	-	89,655	93,890
Jan-04	1,321,898	412,249	93,619	435,968	59,535	-	88,490	91,308
Feb-04	1,353,090	406,961	93,618	464,758	60,324	-	90,087	97,267
Mar-04	1,438,181	414,487	96,015	525,889	61,368	-	92,989	96,456
Apr-04	1,388,070	404,158	96,916	471,237	62,990	-	103,461	94,895
May-04	1,459,387	404,991	91,919	552,154	62,735	-	105,011	87,795
Jun-04	1,421,876	406,055	92,267	517,195	64,914	-	110,402	88,695
Jul-04	1,402,848	407,340	91,411	493,422	64,333	-	109,085	95,391
Aug-04	1,430,095	424,087	91,150	496,665	69,573	-	107,249	96,838
Sep-04	1,450,065	428,741	94,971	501,103	69,020	-	110,223	99,354
Oct-04	1,411,798	427,828	93,989	463,724	67,840	-	114,073	99,290
Nov-04	1,434,833	441,054	95,656	467,308	67,181	-	112,995	96,814
Dec-04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 15,512,141	t 4,577,951	t 1,031,531	t 5,389,423	t 709,813	t 0	t 1,144,065	t 1,044,103
% change	5.3	2.1	3.3	3.8	2.1	0.0	15.0	-1.7
Last 12 months	16,827,304	4,980,777	1,124,161	5,848,783	773,348	0	1,233,720	1,137,993
Previous 12	16,056,877	4,893,006	1,094,378	5,662,085	756,347	0	1,077,233	1,154,546
% change	4.8	1.8	2.7	3.3	2.2	0.0	14.5	-1.4
% ch. year ago	9.7	8.6	8.7	4.3	4.2	0.0	23.8	2.5
% ch prev mnth	1.6	3.1	1.8	0.8	-1.0	0.0	-0.9	-2.5



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

Period	Freight shipments: Port of Vancouver: Shipping - Cargo Handled: Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Vancouver Airport: Cargo Handled	Arrivals/ Departures	Passengers: BC Ferries: Mainland/Vancouver Island: Passengers	Vehicles	Coquihalla Hwy Pas'nger Vehicles
	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2000	72,463	4,181	76,646	251,772	8,306	11,123	3,593	2,390
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,721	2,518
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
Jan-02	4,661	260	4,922	16,919	538	559	208	97
Feb-02	5,263	202	5,465	16,279	518	575	212	105
Mar-02	5,663	253	5,916	19,041	585	799	274	162
Apr-02	5,385	294	5,678	17,911	586	785	284	170
May-02	5,044	291	5,335	19,986	643	967	327	233
Jun-02	5,902	276	6,178	20,314	655	1,031	340	246
Jul-02	4,837	327	5,164	23,284	718	1,415	429	361
Aug-02	5,625	269	5,894	21,464	790	1,617	482	415
Sep-02	4,390	261	4,651	20,139	642	1,003	346	251
Oct-02	3,922	287	4,209	23,249	641	851	298	203
Nov-02	4,434	245	4,679	18,842	507	667	242	126
Dec-02	4,510	198	4,708	17,429	599	812	279	151
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,478	271	5,750	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	4,919	238	5,156	19,895	715	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	5,136	287	5,423	19,217	784	1,650	492	388
Sep-03	5,131	266	5,397	18,472	636	948	334	227
Oct-03	6,493	264	6,757	19,606	636	833	296	209
Nov-03	6,096	268	6,364	18,614	524	647	239	112
Dec-03	5,901	239	6,140	19,235	626	688	235	138
Jan-04	4,971	277	5,249	17,140	552	556	207	96
Feb-04	5,155	262	5,417	17,999	571	620	232	117
Mar-04	6,045	267	6,312	20,772	619	771	278	167
Apr-04	5,499	240	5,739	18,801	606	862	305	209
May-04	6,725	295	7,020	19,657	666	965	319	241
Jun-04	6,522	299	6,821	20,993	705	993	333	240
Jul-04	5,547	270	5,817	22,369	794	1,450	442	386
Aug-04	6,175	300	6,475	19,347	831	1,560	477	381
Sep-04	5,152	288	5,440	19,580	711	1,025	356	260
Oct-04	-	-	-	19,898	680	905	311	207
Nov-04	-	-	-	18,692	569	660	250	121
Dec-04	-	-	-	-	-	814	287	147
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 51,791	t 2,498	t 54,290	t 215,248	t 7,303	t 11,181	t 3,797	t 2,572
% change	14.9	5.2	14.4	9.5	10.0	3.2	3.2	4.3
Last 12 months	70,281	3,269	73,551	234,483	7,929	11,181	3,797	2,572
Previous 12	57,958	3,104	61,062	214,033	7,239	10,832	3,678	2,466
% change	21.3	5.3	20.5	9.6	9.5	3.2	3.2	4.3
% ch. year ago	0.4	8.3	0.8	0.4	8.6	18.3	22.1	6.5
% ch. prev mnth	-16.6	-4.0	-16.0	-6.1	-16.3	23.3	14.8	21.4



13 Service Sector — Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS

Period	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Intermtl
	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2000	3,407,146	3,598,815	7,005,961	1,475,766	8,481,727	60.0	112,442	325,371	1,442,085	4,074	3,652
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,808,063	3,787,823	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	58.9	107,107	256,945	1,506,188	3,855	3,600
2003	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
Jan-02	164,978	174,447	339,425	67,757	407,182	42.8	1,200	-	121,162	280	270
Feb-02	174,125	214,470	388,595	71,295	459,890	54.2	10,320	20,000	126,642	272	247
Mar-02	189,752	229,195	418,947	89,085	508,032	57.5	7,060	36,800	128,987	300	290
Apr-02	201,330	215,466	416,796	86,374	503,170	58.5	14,767	15,000	125,682	266	271
May-02	261,372	319,896	581,268	128,338	709,606	61.4	18,362	21,430	123,814	308	297
Jun-02	303,899	444,080	747,979	153,087	901,066	67.2	17,050	62,100	127,366	383	329
Jul-02	325,375	590,450	915,825	194,170	1,109,995	74.0	4,591	12,550	125,174	466	367
Aug-02	340,262	639,786	980,048	183,545	1,163,593	80.0	6,600	32,700	126,980	470	401
Sep-02	264,692	330,471	595,163	150,715	745,878	67.2	6,192	13,190	122,728	332	334
Oct-02	194,677	211,955	406,632	96,654	503,286	56.3	10,105	11,175	127,159	263	293
Nov-02	196,517	177,062	373,579	65,342	438,921	45.6	10,660	26,400	123,968	227	229
Dec-02	191,084	240,545	431,629	88,569	520,198	42.2	200	5,600	126,524	289	270
Jan-03	182,091	182,462	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.1	1,525	14,300	129,237	292	289
Feb-03	166,881	210,112	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.3	4,125	23,500	130,203	277	240
Mar-03	171,047	203,096	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.8	18,947	23,200	123,704	314	274
Apr-03	183,054	195,417	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.7	9,239	14,790	120,335	244	203
May-03	234,763	286,647	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.2	13,589	19,050	121,123	299	200
Jun-03	265,979	395,933	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,769	20,100	117,699	366	249
Jul-03	300,416	561,027	861,443	163,394	1,024,837	71.2	1,530	2,490	118,778	453	314
Aug-03	321,846	625,664	947,510	171,241	1,118,751	79.2	828	20,000	124,536	482	375
Sep-03	236,533	315,978	552,511	137,493	690,004	66.8	10,223	20,400	120,122	321	312
Oct-03	178,405	193,284	371,689	82,542	454,231	56.7	29,509	27,754	124,652	248	276
Nov-03	172,458	161,031	333,489	59,676	393,165	48.1	8,557	10,604	125,754	233	229
Dec-03	167,223	226,093	393,316	87,208	480,524	44.0	834	1,000	130,539	285	279
Jan-04	152,888	161,360	314,248	72,760	387,008	45.6	1,872	8,678	128,961	289	295
Feb-04	160,414	195,702	356,116	71,414	427,530	55.7	16,118	10,940	128,816	286	249
Mar-04	171,802	205,608	377,410	78,220	455,630	61.2	12,470	57,100	127,810	320	280
Apr-04	180,754	211,066	391,820	87,463	479,283	60.9	4,842	37,000	132,131	291	271
May-04	228,656	295,746	524,402	139,800	664,202	64.9	12,522	32,400	131,451	320	319
Jun-04	269,906	405,909	675,815	169,481	845,296	69.9	10,893	17,009	132,279	373	355
Jul-04	305,426	584,473	889,899	206,851	1,096,750	77.3	4,582	7,200	132,958	446	397
Aug-04	292,117	554,526	846,643	181,621	1,028,264	77.7	2,800	12,500	128,281	472	421
Sep-04	231,639	356,069	587,708	159,323	747,031	72.3	6,272	20,760	-	340	358
Oct-04	170,695	194,714	365,409	94,030	459,439	58.7	26,572	13,800	-	260	302
Nov-04	157,896	158,592	316,488	59,092	375,580	49.3	3,524	7,866	-	240	238
Dec-04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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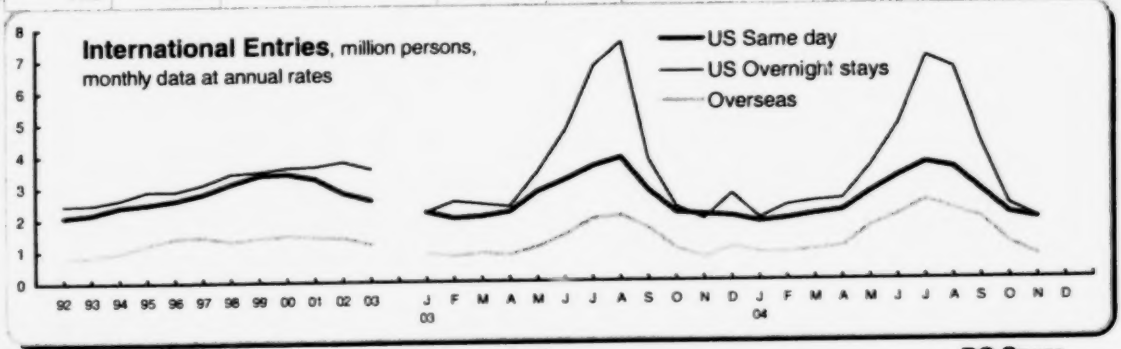
% change	-3.8	-0.2	-1.7	18.9	1.6	5.8	-4.1	14.7	5.8	3.0	17.7
Last 12 months	2,489,416	3,549,858	6,039,274	1,407,263	7,446,537	61.5	103,301	226,253	1,543,754	3,922	3,765
Previous 12	2,604,557	3,571,196	6,175,753	1,199,192	7,374,945	58.2	107,041	201,988	1,485,994	3,819	3,231
% change	-4.4	-0.6	-2.2	17.4	1.0	5.7	-3.5	12.0	3.9	2.7	16.5
% ch. year ago	-4.6	-5.9	-5.1	-1.0	-4.5	2.5	-58.8	-27.2	3.0	2.9	3.9
% ch. prev mnth	-11.0	-17.0	-13.4	-37.2	-18.3	-16.0	-86.7	-43.0	-3.5	-7.8	-21.2



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Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2000	10,687.9	9,607.7	5.77	7.27	8.35	7.85	6.27	1.4854	82.85
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	87.04
Jan-02	9,920.0	7,648.5	2.25	3.75	7.00	4.55	1.78	1.6003	78.05
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May-02	9,925.2	7,656.1	2.50	4.00	7.40	5.55	1.78	1.5497	80.15
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Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
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Jun-03	9,021.5	6,982.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
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Dec-03	10,453.9	8,220.9	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.75	0.96	1.3128	91.65
Jan-04	10,488.1	8,521.4	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.30	1.02	1.2960	92.54
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Nov-04	10,428.0	9,030.1	2.75	4.25	6.30	5.00	2.00	1.1961	99.92
Dec-04	10,783.0	9,246.7	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2191	97.74
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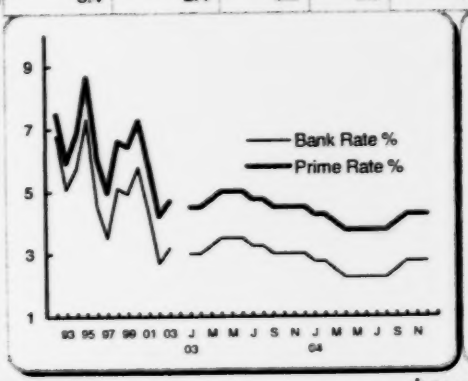
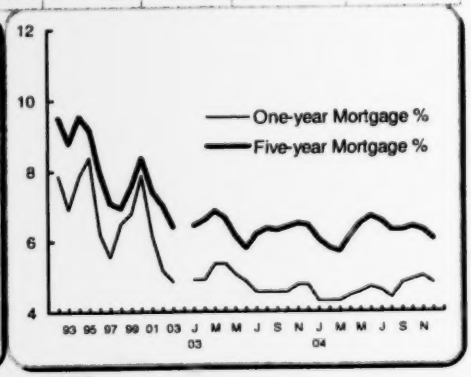
% change	14.5	20.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.6	24.2	-7.1	6.2
Last 12 months	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.63	1.39	1.3013	92.47
Previous 12	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.20	4.70	6.36	4.79	1.12	1.4010	87.04
% change	14.5	20.7	-21.1	-14.3	-2.0	-3.3	24.2	-7.1	6.2
% ch. year ago	3.1	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.6	136.5	-7.1	6.6
% ch prev mnth	3.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.5	1.9	-2.2





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The Impact of Upcoming Retirements on the BC Labour Supply

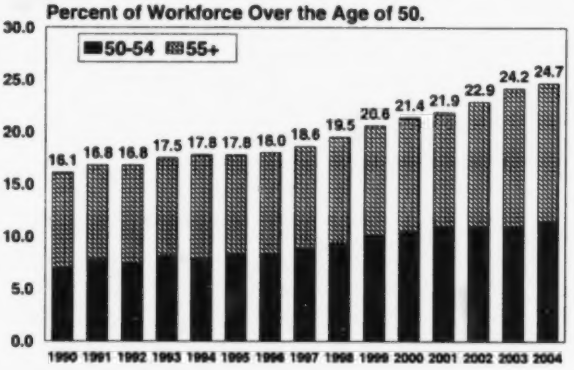
In many collective agreements and employer pension plans in the province, there are contractual arrangements in place for mandatory retirement at age 65. On the basis that mandatory retirement at any age is discriminatory, the practice has been banned in the US, Australia, New Zealand and in several Canadian provinces. According to the 2005 Speech from the Throne, the Government will consider limiting the practice of mandatory retirement in the BC workplace.

Besides the human rights issues associated with mandatory retirement, there are also emerging economic issues that would benefit from a ban on the practice. With "baby-boomers" reaching middle age, most developed countries are dealing with a large component of their population moving out of the workforce into retirement. BC also faces this dilemma, and is at risk of labour shortages in the near future.

The following chart shows that 25 per cent of the workforce today is over the age of 49. If retirement trends continue as they exist today, a very large proportion of that 25 per cent will retire within the next ten years, as well as a substantial number of the 45–49 year olds. Alongside this trend of an increasing older workforce, the number of young flowing into the workplace is declining, so that today the under-30 group is about the same size as the over-49 group

This article will examine what the next 10 to 20 years could bring in terms of labour supply: whether shortages are likely and if so, what our options are to alleviate the shortages.

In recent history, approximately one in six members of the workforce were approaching retirement. That proportion has recently climbed to one in four

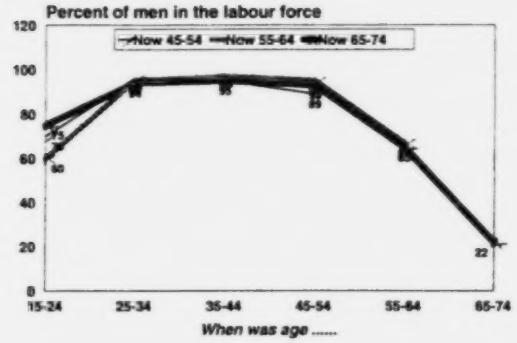


Recent History of Labour Market Activity of the BC Population

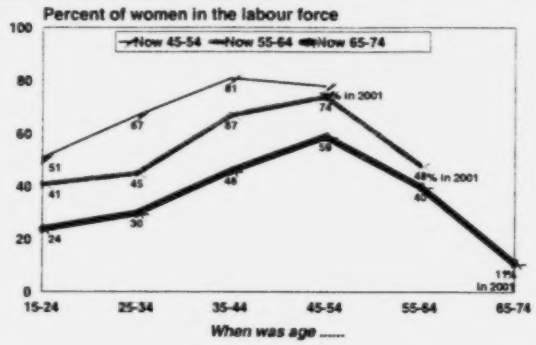
In order to project what is in store for the labour supply in BC over the next 10 to 20 years, it is necessary to look at the historical participation of men and women in the workforce by age group. From that we will attempt to predict the future labour market behaviour of the younger generations.

The chart below shows the labour market participation of three age cohorts of men who are 10 years apart, specifically those who were age 45–54, 55–64 and 65–74 in 2001. The workforce pattern of these men over their lifetime can be simulated by looking at the decennial censuses up to 2001, to see what each 10-year age cohort were doing every 10 years of their working lives. The chart shows that 10 years difference in age really had no differential impact on the lifetime labour market behaviour of men who are now in their middle age.

Three different 10 year cohorts of middle aged men show virtually no difference in their lifetime labour market behaviour



However, among women now in their middle age, 10 years age difference created very different lifetime labour market behaviour. These generational differences are slowly being eroded so that 2001 saw converging patterns between cohorts of women10 years apart.



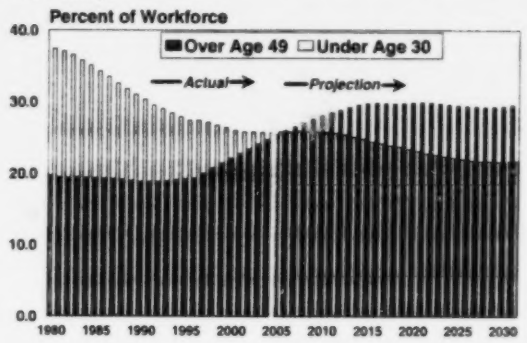
Only the young age group, age 15–24, shows any differences between generations. This finding is consistent with the known sensitivity of this age group to economic conditions—often they will choose school over work when good jobs are hard to come by. Despite this slight variation among the young, it is reasonable to assume the age-specific workforce participation of men, as it stands today, will be a good predictor of future workforce behaviour of the generations that follow.

On the other hand, women now in their middle age who were born 10 years apart have shown huge variations in their lifetime patterns of workforce attachment. Those now age 65–74, lived through the era of starting their families early and being "stay-at-home-mums". The chart shows that when they were 25–34, less than one in three were working. Yet, among those 10 years younger, one-half were in the workforce at that same period of their lives and those 10 years younger again, two out of three were working. (Currently, four of every five women age 25–34 participate in the workforce.) This large discrepancy between these ten-year age cohorts in their behaviour when they were 25–34 carried on throughout most of their working lives. The older generation attained their most active workforce participation when they were 45–54, but it still only reached 59 per cent.

The interesting thing from this chart on women is how in 2001 there were indications that the labour market behaviour of these diverse generations have begun to converge. There was only a difference of 4 percentage points between the 55–64 year olds compared to those 10 years younger when they were both age 45–54. By 2004, that gap has continued to erode to a 3 percentage point gap. Similarly, what was an 8 percentage point gap among those 10 years older has been reduced to a 5 point difference currently. So it appears as though the impact of very different social norms for different age cohorts of women in the early years of their lives has finally worked its way through the system. In the future, workforce profiles of different generations of women will likely be quite similar to one another as they currently are between different generations of men. This is the assumption used to project the age structure of the BC workforce as shown in the following chart.

Projection of the Age Structure of the BC workforce: The Impending Labour Shortage

The long term time trend shows how unusual the current age mix of the workforce is : the ready-to-retire are projected to overtake young employees within the next two years and will continue to do so well into the 21st century.



If women and men continue to participate in the workforce as they did in 2004, the per cent of the workforce approaching retirement will increase up to 2016 at which point it will reach 30 per cent. This means close to one in every three members of the labour force will be on the verge of retirement.

High retirement rates do not necessarily translate into labour shortages. However, alongside the increasing number of retirees, the potential young workforce, those under 30, will be trending downwards. From 2006 on, it is probable that the flow-out of retirees will surpass the flow-in of young replacement workers. This will be the first time this has occurred since 1971 when good labour market data was first collected. And if the status quo remains as is, this imbalance will continue for many years into the future.

Three factors could change this projection of labour shortage:

- One would be an increased inflow of young workers. If there is a labour shortage, the natural labour market mechanism of more job openings and increased wages will encourage more of the young to participate in the workforce. However, such a result could be to the detriment of their education.

- Another is to increase the in-flow of workers from other provinces and/or other countries to fill the vacancies. This traditionally has been a very viable option for BC to meet its labour needs because of the province's advantage in lifestyle compared to much of the rest of Canada. However, Canada and other developed countries will also be facing labour shortages, meaning competition for new workers could be intense. Skilled immigrants from the developing nations could provide relief. Before that can happen, the federal government will have to ensure that qualified immigrants are able to practise their skills in Canada.

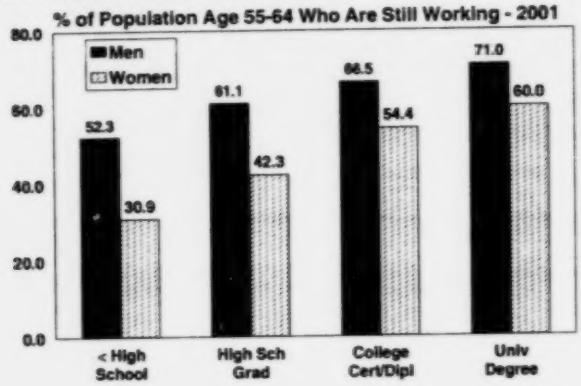
- The third factor could be an increase in the age that people retire. Given the current and projected size of the "nearing retirement" workforce, a conservative estimate of the impact of potential retirees postponing their retirement is an increase in the size of the labour force by two to three per cent for each additional year worked. The shortfall of young workers coming on-stream compared to retirees leaving is projected to be approximately 8 per cent of the workforce. Thus, a one-year increase in the average age of retirement would go a long way in reducing that gap.

Since 1976, Canadian men and women have shown a fairly continuous trend to younger and younger retirement. In 1998 that decline bottomed out and currently shows signs of heading back up for women.

Keeping potential retirees in the workforce for longer than they normally would work is a viable option to address future labour shortages. The chart above shows how the average retirement age in Canada has been dropping at a steady rate since the mid-seventies, partially due to increased coverage of social security programs and partly because of increased wealth. In 1998/99, the average age for retirement in Canada was 61, the youngest it had ever been. Since then it has been creeping back up, primarily as the result of the sharp decline in the stock market in 2001/02. Between 1999 and 2003, the average age of retirement increased by more than 8 months. As well, there is much leeway to increase that age further—the average age of retirement in the 1970's was more than three years older than it is today.

What could bring about an increase in the average age of retirement? As can be seen from the increase in the age of retirement since the reduction in stock market wealth, economic incentive is a strong motivator to discourage employees from retiring. Similarly, the next chart shows how the higher the level of education and hence the higher the salary, the longer employees keep on working.

The more educated the individual, the less likely they are to take early retirement.



Employers who face labour recruitment problems could well start to offer higher salaries, more flexible work arrangements and increased pension benefits for those who agree to stay longer. And governments may well step in and remove the disincentives which discourage workers from working past the age of 65, such as mandatory retirement, or re-structure the Canada Pension Plan to provide more lucrative financial incentives to workers who remain in the workforce after the age of 60.

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Whenever possible we use **seasonally adjusted** data which removes normal seasonal variations to reveal the underlying trends in the data. Adjusted data are identified as Seasonally Adjusted or SA.

Some series subject to irregular fluctuations are presented on a **three month moving average** basis. All such series included in this report are also seasonally adjusted. Where space is limited these are tagged 3MMA SA.

Series not labeled as seasonally adjusted are unadjusted or raw. Some unadjusted series in this report are explicitly identified as such.

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The impact of upcoming retirements on the BC supply of labour
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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted
Ave: average
bd ft: board feet
C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen
Can: Canada, Canadian
GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9
m3: cubic metres
mil: million
MLS: Multiple Listing Service
Moly: molybdenum
mth: month (as in: previous mth)
NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System
SA: seasonally adjusted
T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange
US: United States of America
WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Labour Force Activity: Labour Force	Labour Force Activity: Employed	Labour Force Activity: Unemployment Rate	Labour Force Activity: Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Earnings: Wages and Salaries	Earnings: Average Weekly Wage Rate	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: Number of Beneficiaries	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: $
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA	Unadjusted		
2001	2,082.3	1,922.1	7.7	64.0	32.2	61,495.9	648.13	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,143.8	1,960.1	8.6	65.0	32.0	63,192.7	668.15	817,850	1,073,203.5
2003	2,190.5	2,014.2	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,066.0	683.82	813,520	1,059,531.1
2004	2,219.2	2,059.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	-	686.61	737,160	960,359.7
Jan-03	2,153.1	1,981.9	8.0	64.8	32.3	5,411.4	682.07	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,169.1	1,994.0	8.1	65.3	32.7	5,399.8	681.94	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,181.1	2,013.2	7.7	65.6	32.8	5,386.8	681.83	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,183.5	2,008.8	8.0	65.5	28.9	5,398.7	679.75	71,440	86,968.3
May-03	2,183.0	1,998.9	8.4	65.5	33.2	5,388.5	684.26	66,040	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,175.2	1,999.8	8.1	65.2	33.6	5,387.9	686.74	60,670	89,008.4
Jul-03	2,196.6	2,009.1	8.5	65.7	31.6	5,413.8	685.72	64,540	75,483.9
Aug-03	2,193.9	2,011.8	8.3	65.6	30.5	5,416.2	687.79	67,120	83,006.1
Sep-03	2,209.6	2,013.3	8.9	65.9	33.3	5,459.1	690.66	54,170	87,528.0
Oct-03	2,213.8	2,041.4	7.8	66.0	29.7	5,464.1	683.81	58,550	66,990.2
Nov-03	2,209.2	2,037.7	7.8	65.8	29.6	5,447.9	682.56	65,750	86,669.7
Dec-03	2,215.0	2,057.1	7.1	65.9	32.9	5,491.9	678.46	73,050	92,179.5
Jan-04	2,220.2	2,054.9	7.4	66.0	32.4	5,532.6	678.67	81,270	102,257.2
Feb-04	2,202.0	2,030.1	7.8	65.4	33.4	5,574.7	685.65	76,980	109,369.0
Mar-04	2,203.6	2,033.5	7.7	65.3	31.5	5,598.3	677.70	72,950	94,275.5
Apr-04	2,199.1	2,033.2	7.5	65.1	31.1	5,624.2	676.04	65,970	79,729.2
May-04	2,214.6	2,048.3	7.5	65.5	33.4	5,626.0	673.81	59,490	87,371.7
Jun-04	2,234.1	2,071.1	7.3	66.0	33.9	5,657.7	678.14	52,460	65,468.6
Jul-04	2,226.3	2,070.3	7.0	65.6	32.1	5,665.2	680.96	52,750	61,242.0
Aug-04	2,227.6	2,062.1	7.4	65.6	31.0	5,682.8	688.27	58,430	85,782.8
Sep-04	2,218.7	2,069.5	6.7	65.2	34.1	5,676.9	697.88	46,790	61,903.3
Oct-04	2,231.2	2,079.4	6.8	65.5	30.2	-	704.09	49,490	62,134.7
Nov-04	2,220.9	2,076.8	6.5	65.1	30.6	-	700.51	57,050	73,706.0
Dec-04	2,228.2	2,089.5	6.2	65.3	33.7	-	696.56	63,530	77,119.8
Jan-05	2,236.9	2,091.7	6.5	65.4	32.9	-	708.09	-	-
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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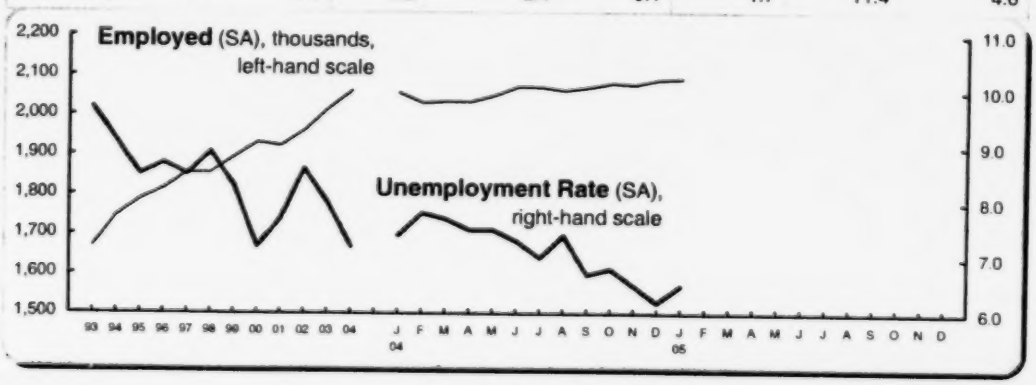
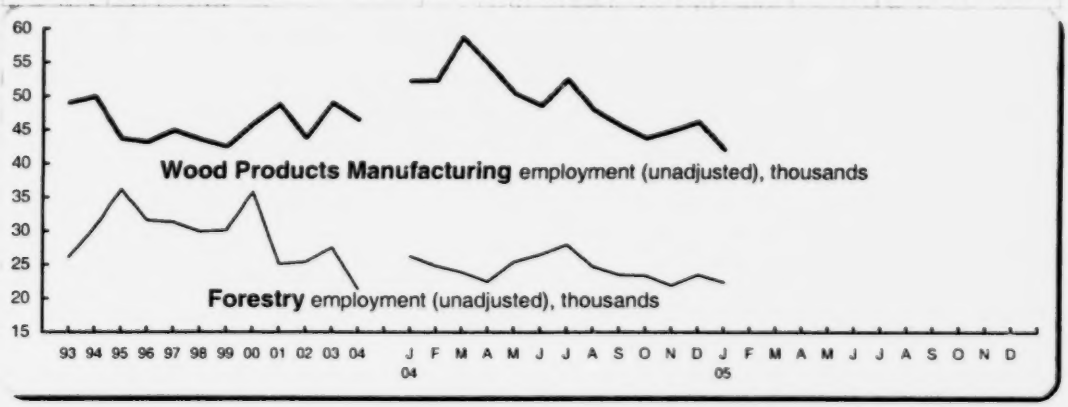
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,236.9	a 2,091.7	a 6.5	a 65.4	a 32.9	t 50,638.5	a 708.09	a 61,430	t 960.4
% change	0.8	1.8	n/a	n/a	1.5	4.1	4.3	-9.4	-9.4
Last 12 months	2,220.3	2,063.0	7.1	65.4	32.3	67,042.4	688.98	61,430	960,359.7
Previous 12	2,195.9	2,020.0	8.0	65.7	31.8	64,729.3	683.52	67,793	1,059,531.1
% change	1.1	2.1	n/a	n/a	1.8	3.6	0.8	-9.4	-9.4
% ch. year ago	0.8	1.8	n/a	n/a	1.5	4.0	4.3	-13.0	-16.3
% ch prev mnth	0.4	0.1	n/a	n/a	-2.4	-0.1	1.7	11.4	4.6



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

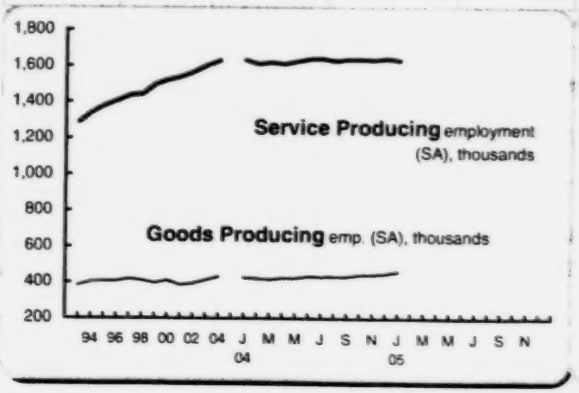
	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
Period	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2001	383.9	25.8	25.1	4.8	11.4	10.9	110.8	22.1	48.8	15.0	195.1
2002	392.3	29.6	25.4	3.1	9.2	11.3	117.4	23.6	43.8	17.0	196.4
2003	411.7	32.3	27.5	4.5	13.2	11.1	117.4	27.0	49.0	14.4	205.7
2004	431.0	36.7	21.4	2.9	11.0	9.0	141.7	25.3	46.5	11.9	208.4
Jan-03	404.6	31.6	31.5	5.5	8.9	11.3	115.1	27.7	49.0	19.0	202.6
Feb-03	409.7	33.1	33.0	4.1	12.3	12.0	115.8	29.0	53.7	15.9	204.1
Mar-03	424.4	34.7	34.2	4.0	14.9	12.6	121.5	24.4	53.5	15.5	208.2
Apr-03	408.9	32.4	32.2	2.7	14.9	11.6	110.3	25.4	54.1	14.6	206.8
May-03	413.9	31.9	32.6	2.6	19.1	11.3	113.9	27.0	56.1	15.7	208.6
Jun-03	411.3	30.5	34.2	4.6	15.5	11.1	116.3	28.5	53.9	17.9	206.3
Jul-03	412.4	31.2	36.1	4.6	17.7	10.6	117.7	29.8	51.5	16.4	205.4
Aug-03	408.0	32.2	31.2	7.1	13.6	10.8	117.1	31.3	49.8	15.2	206.3
Sep-03	407.6	31.4	31.9	7.4	13.8	10.8	116.9	29.4	47.1	14.3	203.8
Oct-03	415.6	31.9	30.3	7.5	15.1	10.9	119.8	34.0	50.3	14.9	206.3
Nov-03	413.8	35.1	28.5	6.9	11.7	10.8	121.3	34.4	52.6	12.4	204.5
Dec-03	411.3	32.8	26.4	4.9	13.0	9.4	122.4	36.1	48.0	9.6	206.1
Jan-04	425.2	35.6	26.2	5.4	11.3	9.2	131.8	41.8	52.2	11.1	211.3
Feb-04	419.6	36.5	24.8	3.8	12.2	8.3	126.4	33.3	52.3	10.9	211.0
Mar-04	415.6	35.3	23.9	3.5	9.1	9.4	131.2	30.6	58.7	9.4	205.9
Apr-04	422.7	37.0	22.5	3.2	10.0	10.0	134.6	26.9	54.7	10.3	207.5
May-04	423.0	39.3	25.4	3.5	10.8	10.4	134.0	25.9	50.4	14.2	205.3
Jun-04	433.2	39.3	26.5	3.0	11.0	10.4	141.1	25.0	48.6	14.5	205.2
Jul-04	431.5	37.1	28.0	2.5	9.8	9.1	140.5	20.0	52.5	13.6	209.5
Aug-04	433.3	36.1	24.7	3.8	10.5	10.1	143.2	23.6	48.0	11.9	209.6
Sep-04	432.7	33.3	23.5	3.4	11.6	8.5	148.3	24.0	45.7	11.5	208.9
Oct-04	442.6	37.4	23.4	3.3	13.5	8.0	153.7	28.9	43.8	12.9	208.7
Nov-04	443.8	35.4	21.9	2.2	14.5	7.1	155.6	31.0	44.9	11.2	210.5
Dec-04	448.1	38.8	23.5	2.6	15.1	7.5	156.8	32.9	46.2	13.2	208.2
Jan-05	460.4	40.6	22.4	-	14.7	8.0	166.2	34.4	42.1	12.5	208.8
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 460.4	a 40.6	a 22.4	a 3.4	a 14.7	a 8.0	a 166.2	a 34.4	a 42.1	a 12.5	a 208.8
% change	8.3	14.0	-14.5	-35.1	30.1	-13.0	26.1	-17.7	-19.3	12.6	-1.2
Last 12 months	433.9	37.2	24.2	3.4	11.9	8.9	144.3	28.0	49.0	12.2	208.3
Previous 12	413.5	32.7	31.4	5.2	14.4	10.9	118.7	30.9	51.9	14.5	206.5
% change	4.9	13.6	-22.9	-35.1	-17.4	-18.5	21.5	-9.3	-5.6	-15.8	0.9
% ch. year ago	8.3	14.0	-14.5	-46.9	30.1	-13.0	26.1	-17.7	-19.3	12.6	-1.2
% ch prev mnth	2.7	4.6	-4.7	18.2	-2.6	6.7	6.0	4.6	-8.9	-5.3	0.3

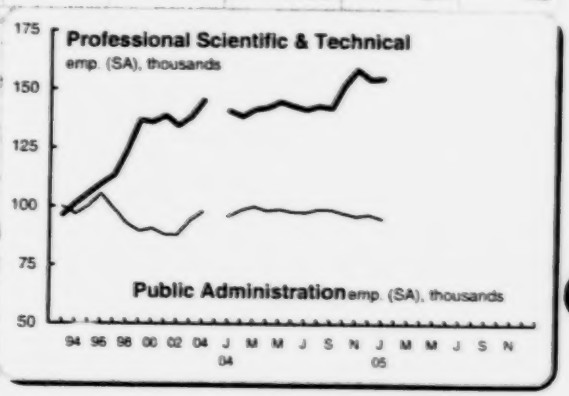


3 Employment by Industry – Services

Source: Statistics Canada

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2001	1,538.2	304.0	112.6	122.1	138.6	138.4	197.9	105.3	164.2	88.0
2002	1,567.9	323.4	112.2	125.7	134.5	137.5	211.6	105.8	162.4	87.8
2003	1,602.5	329.5	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.4	213.5	107.1	161.9	94.1
2004	1,628.7	320.6	117.7	131.5	145.2	135.1	219.5	111.4	174.8	97.9
Jan-03	1,577.3	338.8	117.3	128.7	130.5	142.9	206.0	101.2	157.3	89.0
Feb-03	1,584.3	333.3	117.8	128.8	130.5	144.5	213.5	100.5	156.4	93.2
Mar-03	1,588.8	328.3	120.4	128.1	134.4	146.9	211.6	101.3	159.7	88.4
Apr-03	1,600.0	332.1	120.6	129.9	134.0	141.8	215.4	106.6	157.3	89.1
May-03	1,585.0	325.3	120.9	122.9	131.9	141.1	215.1	110.1	156.6	90.3
Jun-03	1,588.5	326.0	115.9	126.8	134.2	137.0	216.9	107.5	159.5	94.4
Jul-03	1,596.7	324.5	113.8	124.4	141.4	140.3	214.1	109.3	160.8	97.8
Aug-03	1,603.8	325.4	119.1	122.9	145.3	140.3	210.3	107.4	165.3	94.1
Sep-03	1,605.7	331.4	114.4	123.9	143.7	131.9	211.2	112.2	167.5	96.0
Oct-03	1,625.9	330.9	117.4	125.4	145.0	140.8	213.6	108.9	166.6	99.6
Nov-03	1,623.9	328.3	119.9	127.2	143.2	136.9	214.5	108.1	166.5	98.4
Dec-03	1,645.8	328.5	123.5	126.4	143.8	139.3	220.0	110.7	169.3	97.4
Jan-04	1,629.8	339.6	119.7	128.2	140.8	138.7	215.6	109.1	163.6	95.9
Feb-04	1,610.6	325.5	116.3	124.4	138.5	137.3	212.5	111.7	168.3	98.6
Mar-04	1,617.9	331.2	112.9	129.8	141.5	132.4	220.7	108.3	168.3	100.1
Apr-04	1,610.4	320.0	117.0	131.7	142.4	132.4	218.6	105.4	173.3	98.3
May-04	1,625.3	322.8	117.9	131.8	144.8	136.9	217.2	104.7	170.7	98.9
Jun-04	1,637.9	321.3	123.1	129.9	143.0	137.0	224.4	112.3	176.5	97.9
Jul-04	1,638.9	324.6	124.4	127.9	141.5	134.9	221.6	113.0	177.7	97.6
Aug-04	1,628.8	316.4	118.3	138.5	143.0	128.1	218.5	116.6	177.0	99.0
Sep-04	1,636.7	314.2	118.0	132.3	142.2	138.6	226.3	115.1	178.2	98.8
Oct-04	1,636.8	311.4	118.3	134.3	152.0	135.0	217.7	115.7	179.4	97.3
Nov-04	1,633.0	310.3	113.3	133.1	158.5	136.2	218.4	111.4	181.6	96.0
Dec-04	1,641.3	311.9	113.0	136.1	154.3	133.2	222.7	112.8	182.7	96.7
Jan-05	1,631.2	318.8	115.0	131.0	154.8	134.1	215.6	109.5	178.4	95.0
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,631.2	a 318.8	a 115.0	a 131.0	a 154.8	a 134.1	a 215.6	a 109.5	a 178.4	a 95.0
% change	0.1	-6.1	-3.9	2.2	9.9	-3.3	0.0	0.4	9.0	-0.9
Last 12 months	1,629.1	319.0	117.3	131.7	146.4	134.7	219.5	111.4	176.0	97.9
Previous 12	1,606.5	329.5	118.6	126.2	139.0	140.0	214.3	107.6	162.4	94.6
% change	1.4	-3.2	-1.1	4.4	5.3	-3.8	2.4	3.5	8.4	3.5
% ch. year ago	0.1	-6.1	-3.9	2.2	9.9	-3.3	0.0	0.4	9.0	-0.9
% ch prev mnth	-0.6	2.2	1.8	-3.7	0.3	0.7	-3.2	-2.9	-2.4	-1.8





4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada

	Business				Consumer				
			Bankruptcies			Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Business Incorporations	Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada		Consumer Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
			Business	Consumer					
	$ million	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2001	35,884.7	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	40,371.4	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	38,467.9	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	42,906.3	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
2003	39,910.7	23,243	1,002	9,385	120.4	44,033.9	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
2004	43,878.9	25,428	-	8,378	122.8	47,106.9	2,750.8	181,606	5,898,285
Jan-03	3,478.7	2,122	202	731	119.0	3,660.4	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	3,450.7	1,804	186	857	119.6	3,714.2	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	3,403.0	1,952	206	879	120.6	3,593.8	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	3,264.9	1,844	184	862	120.4	3,608.0	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	3,242.6	1,747	136	761	120.4	3,613.6	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	3,196.9	2,047	186	840	120.2	3,625.9	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	3,229.5	1,837	162	821	120.5	3,663.5	197.8	16,982	546,553
Aug-03	3,193.2	1,818	122	684	120.9	3,771.0	214.1	15,961	516,156
Sep-03	3,306.8	2,056	174	767	121.2	3,683.8	197.6	14,310	482,072
Oct-03	3,320.3	2,023	150	827	120.6	3,683.1	211.5	13,784	455,682
Nov-03	3,390.7	2,050	146	709	120.8	3,707.6	253.9	14,389	460,714
Dec-03	3,433.3	1,943	150	655	120.9	3,709.0	370.8	14,242	471,844
Jan-04	3,355.9	2,115	79	665	120.8	3,705.1	162.3	10,894	353,088
Feb-04	3,359.2	2,015	71	757	121.3	3,774.5	168.7	11,896	385,560
Mar-04	3,473.6	2,045	89	877	121.6	3,850.8	191.2	16,155	520,855
Apr-04	3,611.3	2,109	94	730	122.4	3,890.4	213.5	16,582	537,134
May-04	3,605.3	2,156	73	692	123.4	3,899.5	220.2	18,600	589,843
Jun-04	3,629.7	2,337	75	832	123.6	3,919.2	223.2	18,040	595,439
Jul-04	3,767.9	2,075	68	618	123.4	3,970.9	228.5	16,246	524,992
Aug-04	3,780.5	2,031	74	610	123.3	3,941.5	227.6	15,073	485,016
Sep-04	3,754.6	2,022	57	681	123.5	4,010.5	224.6	14,388	468,677
Oct-04	3,836.9	2,015	79	684	123.5	4,033.8	235.7	14,063	461,510
Nov-04	3,753.8	2,109	81	643	123.7	3,978.8	259.9	14,294	471,182
Dec-04	3,809.8	2,399	81	597	123.5	4,007.8	395.4	15,375	504,989
Jan-05	-	-	-	-	123.6	-	-	-	-
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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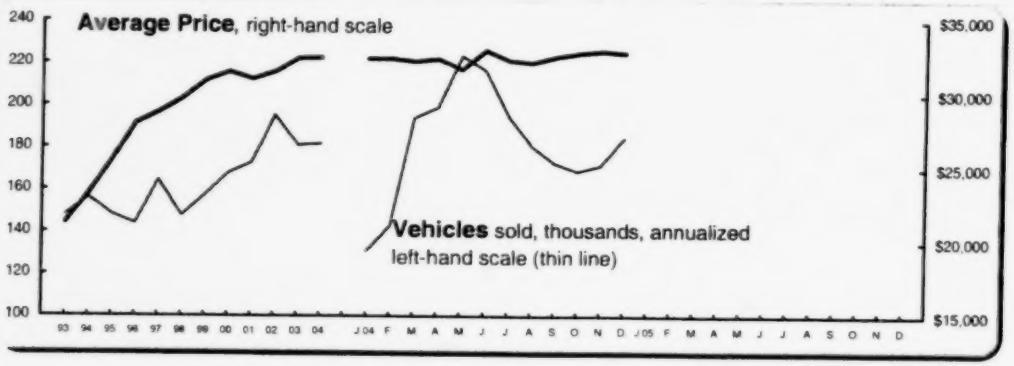
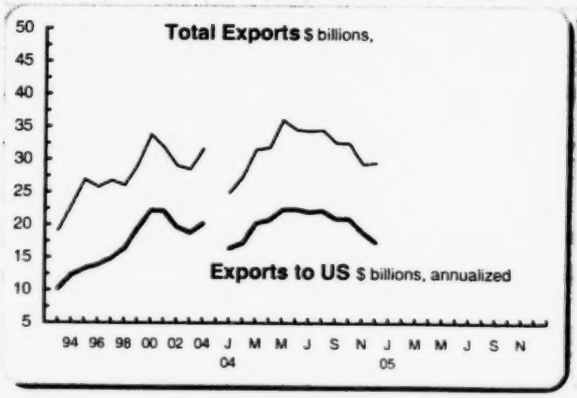
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 43,738.4	t 25,428	t 921	t 8,386	a 123.6	t 46,982.8	t 2,750.8	t 181,606	t 5,898,285
% change	9.6	9.4	-8.1	-10.7	2.3	6.7	9.3	0.4	0.5
Last 12 months	43,738.4	25,428	921	8,386	123.1	46,982.8	2,750.8	181,606	5,898,285
Previous 12	39,910.7	23,243	1,002	9,393	120.6	44,033.9	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
% change	9.6	9.4	-8.1	-10.7	2.1	6.7	9.3	0.4	0.5
% ch year ago	11.0	23.5	8.0	-8.9	2.3	8.1	6.6	8.0	7.0
% ch prev mnth	1.5	13.8	0.0	-7.2	0.1	0.7	52.1	7.6	7.2

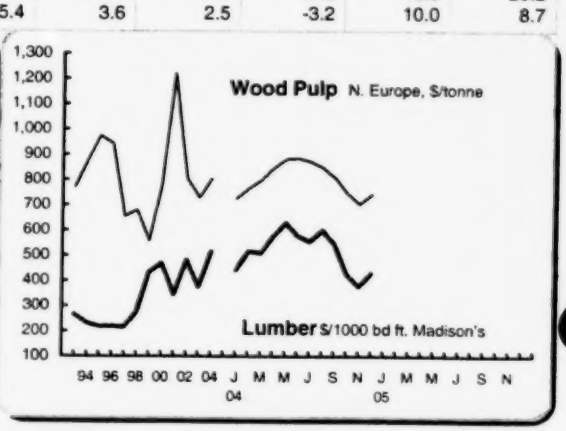


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

Period	BC Origin Exports to: Total All Countries	BC Origin Exports to: United States	BC Origin Exports to: Japan	Imports through BC ports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff): Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
	Unadjusted										
2001	31,814.1	22,110.7	4,067.6	31,640.7	344.86	1,218.08	1.11	419.83	6.79	7.45	40.08
2002	29,017.3	19,694.3	3,858.5	31,533.2	480.11	804.60	1.11	486.82	7.23	6.77	40.95
2003	28,516.2	18,807.1	3,649.4	31,263.0	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
2004	31,575.2	20,160.4	3,810.1	32,868.1	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
Jan-03	2,365.1	1,563.5	308.4	2,405.5	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	50.76
Feb-03	2,332.7	1,505.8	302.4	2,454.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	54.25
Mar-03	2,658.8	1,777.1	321.1	2,908.9	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	49.52
Apr-03	2,450.3	1,585.4	346.3	2,843.3	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	41.20
May-03	2,350.5	1,569.1	333.6	2,668.4	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	38.96
Jun-03	2,296.3	1,549.7	282.2	2,669.8	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	41.54
Jul-03	2,426.3	1,649.3	310.8	2,527.1	380.61	725.92	1.08	483.25	6.59	0.51	42.50
Aug-03	2,456.0	1,644.6	287.8	2,392.2	437.68	713.99	1.12	502.11	6.98	0.52	44.09
Sep-03	2,427.9	1,623.5	318.0	2,682.3	490.22	706.94	1.10	516.59	7.05	0.50	38.57
Oct-03	2,340.2	1,537.1	276.5	2,839.9	391.27	708.01	1.15	500.75	6.57	0.54	40.09
Nov-03	2,127.0	1,387.9	261.4	2,461.6	397.71	723.23	1.22	511.60	6.80	0.54	40.81
Dec-03	2,285.2	1,414.0	300.9	2,409.4	397.79	733.87	1.31	534.94	7.38	0.58	42.21
Jan-04	2,072.3	1,367.6	247.6	2,149.3	441.93	725.75	1.43	536.18	8.18	0.60	44.41
Feb-04	2,294.5	1,434.6	283.6	2,440.4	515.64	765.48	1.66	538.07	8.56	0.65	46.17
Mar-04	2,625.8	1,689.9	322.3	3,025.7	508.76	798.34	1.81	540.20	9.60	0.66	48.83
Apr-04	2,651.5	1,734.8	279.7	2,683.1	574.57	845.74	1.79	541.36	9.48	0.63	49.25
May-04	3,002.2	1,863.7	390.2	2,946.1	628.52	882.13	1.61	528.97	8.06	0.61	55.52
Jun-04	2,880.3	1,865.5	383.0	2,865.4	577.01	883.84	1.66	532.62	7.96	0.62	51.62
Jul-04	2,860.4	1,832.3	350.1	2,802.3	555.22	871.16	1.69	526.25	8.34	0.59	53.79
Aug-04	2,871.9	1,848.2	349.5	2,828.9	599.48	847.40	1.69	525.31	8.74	0.58	58.95
Sep-04	2,713.8	1,749.4	328.3	2,876.5	543.45	807.45	1.69	521.92	8.24	0.57	59.17
Oct-04	2,704.6	1,746.9	288.0	2,863.8	425.21	745.67	1.70	524.29	8.85	0.60	66.25
Nov-04	2,441.0	1,579.3	274.6	2,874.9	376.76	703.29	1.67	525.54	8.95	0.60	57.96
Dec-04	2,456.8	1,448.2	313.0	2,511.6	430.35	741.22	1.73	538.58	8.66	0.66	52.82
Jan-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57.39
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 31,575.2	t 20,160.4	t 3,810.1	t 32,868.1	a 514.74	a 801.46	a 1.68	a 531.61	a 8.64	a 0.61	a 57.39
% change	10.7	7.2	4.4	5.1	36.9	9.8	49.0	4.7	26.8	17.4	29.2
Last 12 months	31,575.2	20,160.4	3,810.1	32,868.1	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	54.81
Previous 12	28,516.2	18,807.1	3,649.4	31,263.0	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.18
% change	10.7	7.2	4.4	5.1	36.9	9.8	49.0	4.7	26.8	17.4	26.9
% ch. year ago	7.5	2.4	4.0	4.2	8.2	1.0	32.1	0.7	17.3	13.8	29.2
% ch prev mnth	0.6	-8.3	14.0	-12.6	14.2	5.4	3.6	2.5	-3.2	10.0	8.7

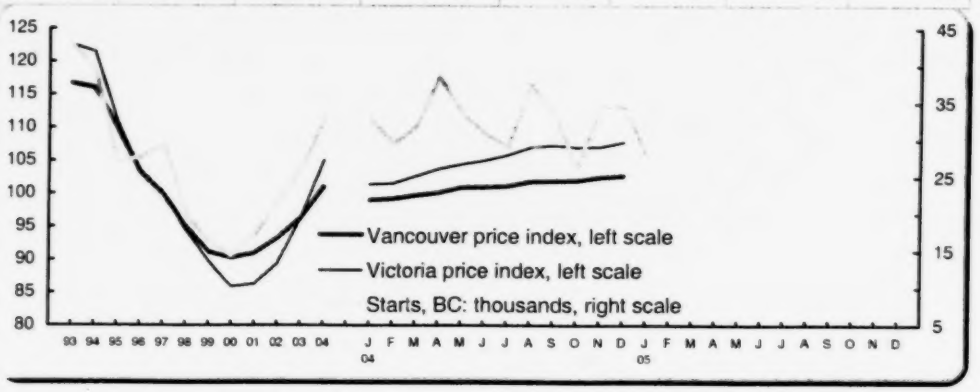




6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

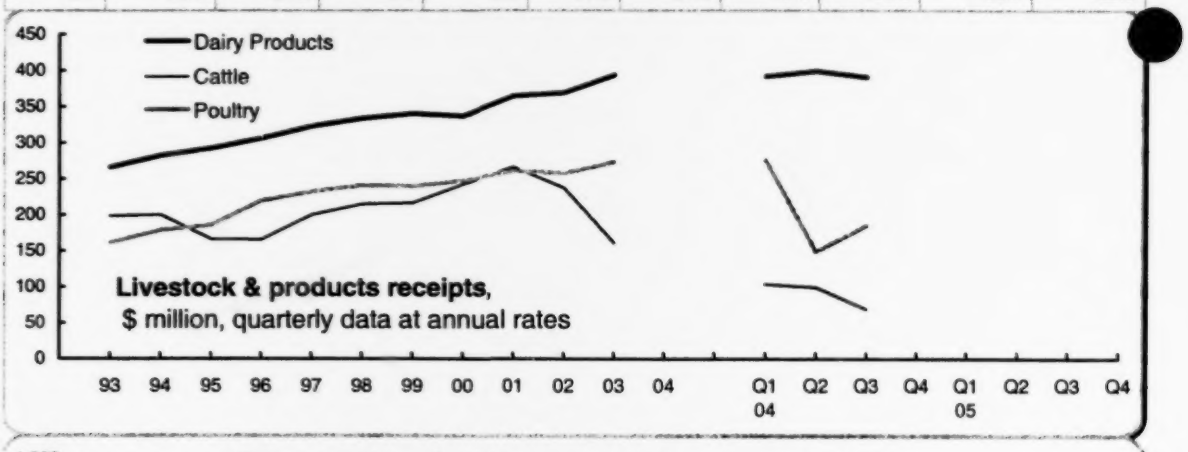
Period	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada) Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Housing Starts All Areas	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada) Vancouver	Victoria	MLS® Average Sale Price
	$ thousand				Thousands	1997=100		$
	Seasonally Adjusted				SAAR	Unadjusted		
2001	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	90.9	86.2	220,952
2002	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	93.2	89.3	238,758
2003	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
2004	5,854,946	327,966	1,226,910	513,425	32.9	101.0	105.1	-
Jan-03	331,653	18,846	134,757	36,147	19.2	94.2	91.6	242,202
Feb-03	295,235	11,044	69,701	32,490	26.0	95.0	92.2	252,186
Mar-03	430,535	10,789	79,062	26,781	24.8	95.3	92.8	252,979
Apr-03	320,996	36,824	81,144	54,800	24.2	95.6	93.9	250,071
May-03	353,958	13,091	84,481	27,533	20.9	96.4	94.2	250,522
Jun-03	343,046	16,070	86,835	37,552	22.8	96.5	95.7	256,107
Jul-03	404,736	35,241	105,973	66,054	30.2	96.7	96.8	255,162
Aug-03	352,072	16,783	96,769	42,377	27.3	96.5	98.1	264,008
Sep-03	445,664	23,417	124,076	95,302	31.9	96.6	98.7	267,870
Oct-03	409,324	30,595	56,777	27,273	33.7	97.1	99.7	271,750
Nov-03	358,096	20,284	120,027	27,003	26.4	97.5	100.4	278,780
Dec-03	468,873	11,040	90,020	33,094	27.2	97.6	100.9	276,371
Jan-04	516,123	6,975	178,911	22,549	32.8	99.0	101.4	274,852
Feb-04	501,165	24,863	111,340	9,945	29.5	99.2	101.5	282,348
Mar-04	452,059	15,345	91,292	28,341	31.8	99.7	102.6	286,844
Apr-04	443,556	13,719	85,469	19,088	38.5	100.1	103.7	291,398
May-04	443,367	17,654	84,425	36,251	33.6	100.9	104.4	289,975
Jun-04	810,174	48,215	150,230	61,559	30.9	101.0	105.0	287,188
Jul-04	468,559	27,028	67,644	70,948	29.1	101.1	105.8	281,599
Aug-04	403,198	37,724	127,658	39,387	37.6	101.8	107.0	284,685
Sep-04	478,726	27,861	111,808	35,766	33.6	101.9	107.3	288,340
Oct-04	456,041	14,598	61,541	15,393	26.1	102.0	107.0	301,576
Nov-04	521,810	68,221	90,967	64,662	34.6	102.5	107.1	296,667
Dec-04	392,247	25,763	111,020	109,536	34.6	102.7	107.8	303,977
Jan-05	-	-	-	-	27.9	-	-	-
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 5,887,025	t 327,966	t 1,272,305	t 513,425	a 27.9	a 101.0	a 105.1	a 289,121
% change	30.4	34.4	12.6	1.4	-14.9	4.9	9.1	11.3
Last 12 months	5,887,025	327,966	1,272,305	513,425	32.3	101.0	105.1	289,121
Previous 12	4,514,188	244,024	1,129,622	506,406	27.4	96.3	96.3	259,834
% change	30.4	34.4	12.6	1.4	18.2	4.9	9.1	11.3
% ch. year ago	-16.3	133.4	23.3	231.0	-14.9	5.2	6.8	10.0
% ch prev mnth	-24.8	-62.2	22.0	69.4	-19.4	0.2	0.7	2.5

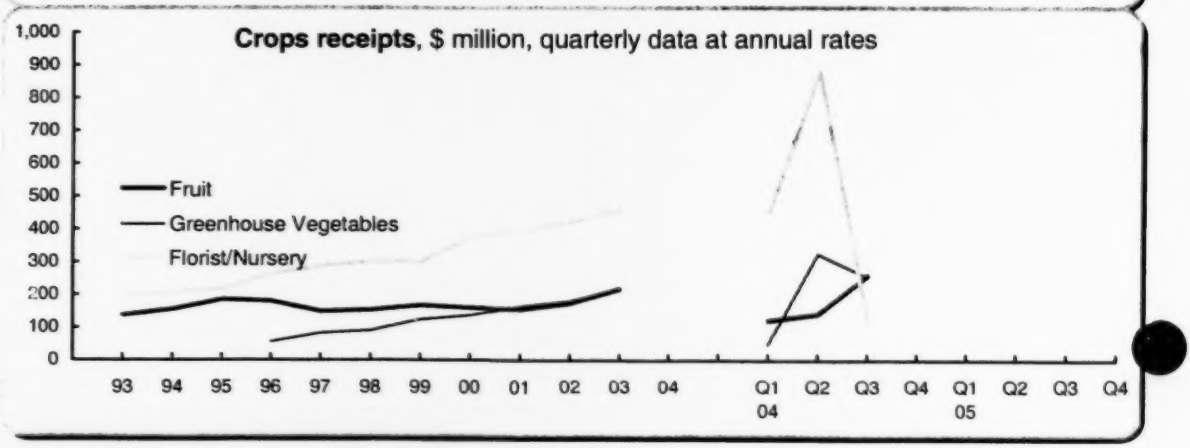


7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products: Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Crops: Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	Total Farm Cash Receipts
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2001	364,478	265,941	260,897	279,450	1,170,766	154,782	163,835	394,354	280,866	993,837	2,224,466
2002	368,630	237,188	257,753	265,738	1,129,309	173,978	180,247	423,694	258,557	1,036,476	2,196,700
2003	393,102	160,867	272,982	255,385	1,082,336	217,388	215,182	460,747	243,047	1,136,364	2,278,106
2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q1-03	97,255	57,247	63,149	60,135	277,786	26,415	13,979	115,185	57,380	212,959	498,536
Q2-03	99,044	32,438	69,928	49,293	250,703	33,494	95,701	224,224	42,068	395,487	650,559
Q3-03	98,158	17,693	71,786	57,619	245,256	75,164	74,195	30,689	66,374	246,422	502,792
Q4-03	98,645	53,489	68,119	88,338	308,591	82,315	31,307	90,649	77,225	281,496	626,219
Q1-04	97,946	25,898	68,963	59,459	252,266	30,324	12,089	112,918	64,142	219,473	498,392
Q2-04	99,669	24,797	37,232	42,025	203,723	35,417	81,282	219,810	43,131	379,640	609,991
Q3-04	97,554	17,223	46,248	44,478	205,503	64,894	63,506	30,086	74,119	232,605	451,974
Q4-04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q1-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q2-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 295,169	t 67,918	t 152,443	t 145,962	t 661,492	t 130,635	t 156,877	t 362,814	t 181,392	t 831,718	t 1,560,357
% change	0.2	-36.7	-25.6	-12.6	-14.5	-3.3	-14.7	-2.0	9.4	-2.7	-5.5
Last 4 quarters	393,814	121,407	220,562	234,300	970,083	212,950	188,184	453,463	258,617	1,113,214	2,186,576
Previous 4	388,032	164,688	268,923	258,370	1,080,013	206,071	210,067	453,536	246,427	1,116,101	2,231,736
% change	1.5	-26.3	-18.0	-9.3	-10.2	3.3	-10.4	0.0	4.9	-0.3	-2.0
% ch. year ago	-0.6	-2.7	-35.6	-22.8	-16.2	-9.3	-14.4	-2.0	9.6	-5.6	-10.1
% ch. prev qtr	-2.1	-30.5	24.2	5.8	0.9	61.9	-21.9	-86.3	100.2	-38.7	-25.9





8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Thousand cubic metres			Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2001	72,212	32,605.7	1,567	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,519	35,500.9	1,710	1,159	1,731	2,890	4,477	1,171	1,729	7,380
2003	61,925	35,423.3	1,732	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
2004	92,361	-	-	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
Jan-03	5,290	3,192.1	146	106	154	260	441	104	145	689
Feb-03	9,296	3,114.6	143	95	141	236	390	90	153	633
Mar-03	10,494	3,290.3	147	106	143	249	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,232.9	153	102	148	250	374	100	152	626
May-03	4,933	3,040.7	139	97	154	251	336	96	150	582
Jun-03	2,615	2,857.8	146	88	116	204	358	104	132	594
Jul-03	2,884	2,898.5	136	103	124	227	434	97	133	593
Aug-03	4,805	2,450.7	130	102	121	223	416	94	137	646
Sep-03	4,126	2,804.0	148	92	125	217	448	102	133	683
Oct-03	3,647	3,298.2	166	101	166	267	382	90	156	628
Nov-03	69	2,661.6	142	100	152	252	371	104	149	625
Dec-03	9,362	2,581.9	136	98	148	246	419	95	145	659
Jan-04	8,387	2,972.5	165	103	151	254	389	96	139	624
Feb-04	4,894	3,116.9	137	96	147	243	387	96	140	622
Mar-04	15,492	3,497.0	155	98	164	262	386	112	171	669
Apr-04	8,174	3,494.7	168	102	156	258	388	89	155	631
May-04	6,313	3,095.0	153	95	147	242	392	97	156	645
Jun-04	5,090	3,330.0	155	84	145	229	353	103	154	610
Jul-04	6,876	3,349.8	155	96	159	255	360	93	159	612
Aug-04	7,327	3,114.5	150	88	156	244	350	82	147	580
Sep-04	7,002	3,382.7	155	85	153	238	391	89	150	630
Oct-04	8,338	3,636.8	165	104	148	252	449	86	149	684
Nov-04	7,822	3,206.4	155	92	149	241	415	96	155	665
Dec-04	6,646	-	-	101	168	269	464	96	166	726
Jan-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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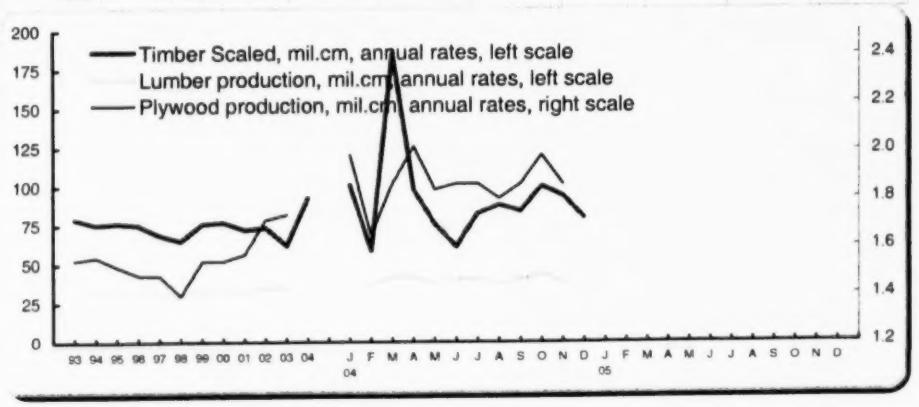
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 92,361	t 36,196	t 1,713	t 1,144	t 1,843	t 2,987	t 4,724	t 1,135	t 1,841	t 7,698
% change	49.2	10.2	7.3	-3.9	8.9	3.6	-0.8	-4.3	6.2	1.2
Last 12 months	92,361	38,778	1,849	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
Previous 12	61,925	35,415	1,730	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
% change	49.2	9.5	6.9	-3.9	8.9	3.6	-0.8	-4.3	6.2	1.2
% ch. year ago	-29.0	20.5	9.2	3.1	13.5	9.3	10.7	1.1	14.5	10.2
% ch prev mnth	-15.0	-11.8	-6.1	9.8	12.8	11.6	11.8	0.0	7.1	9.2



9 Mining and Energy

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	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
Period	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,006.0	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	22,821.7	24,397.0	248.3	6.3	68.0	8.0	21.7	652.7	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
2003	-	-	23,061.0	247.9	6.3	64.0	9.7	22.3	660.7	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,050,922
2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,897.0	19.6	1.3	7.9	0.8	1.5	36.2	2,449.3	181.6	6,305,368
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.0	18.4	0.8	7.1	0.7	1.6	47.1	2,211.7	160.1	5,415,832
Mar-03	-	-	1,965.0	19.8	0.9	0.3	0.8	2.0	76.7	2,507.3	167.0	5,452,418
Apr-03	-	-	1,992.0	21.0	1.1	6.6	0.7	1.6	54.5	2,544.6	175.2	4,399,687
May-03	-	-	2,124.0	21.1	0.4	6.6	0.7	2.0	56.0	2,567.7	193.1	4,373,885
Jun-03	-	-	1,781.0	18.9	0.1	6.5	0.8	2.0	44.8	2,419.6	184.9	4,296,546
Jul-03	-	-	1,768.0	20.6	0.4	2.7	0.6	1.6	48.7	2,311.8	183.3	5,246,845
Aug-03	-	-	1,478.0	21.6	0.2	6.1	0.7	2.1	64.4	2,524.6	182.9	5,339,448
Sep-03	-	-	1,943.0	20.6	0.5	5.8	0.8	2.3	72.5	2,443.4	181.8	4,806,675
Oct-03	-	-	2,125.0	20.8	-	-	0.9	1.5	44.3	2,525.4	193.0	4,959,737
Nov-03	-	-	2,121.0	19.6	0.1	3.8	1.0	1.9	55.6	2,447.0	182.8	5,960,032
Dec-03	-	-	1,868.0	25.9	0.5	10.6	1.2	2.2	58.0	2,531.0	182.5	6,494,449
Jan-04	-	-	1,721.0	15.2	-	-	0.7	0.9	32.5	2,548.7	179.4	6,694,914
Feb-04	-	-	2,137.0	17.3	-	-	0.8	1.0	38.0	2,535.2	168.5	5,443,423
Mar-04	-	-	2,452.0	20.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	2.0	62.9	2,759.0	173.2	4,945,324
Apr-04	-	-	2,465.0	20.0	0.1	11.6	0.9	2.2	65.5	2,801.1	179.4	4,513,015
May-04	-	-	2,445.0	18.8	0.4	6.7	0.8	1.9	50.4	2,806.2	179.6	4,384,434
Jun-04	-	-	2,197.0	19.5	0.4	3.2	0.7	1.5	46.3	2,422.0	168.7	4,135,339
Jul-04	-	-	2,267.0	19.6	0.1	6.1	1.0	1.3	30.7	2,614.3	165.6	5,161,236
Aug-04	-	-	2,179.0	19.3	-	-	0.7	1.5	36.6	2,471.6	171.2	4,982,956
Sep-04	-	-	2,319.0	20.2	0.3	7.0	0.7	1.9	60.0	2,459.6	149.4	4,064,879
Oct-04	-	-	2,474.0	20.1	-	3.3	0.8	2.2	54.8	-	166.5	4,667,975
Nov-04	-	-	2,344.0	21.8	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.9	64.4	-	154.9	5,343,221
Dec-04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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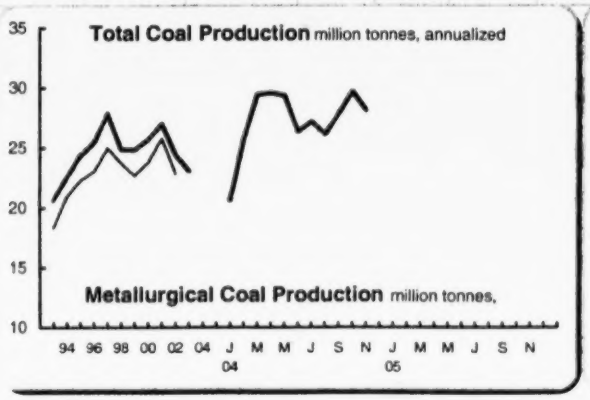
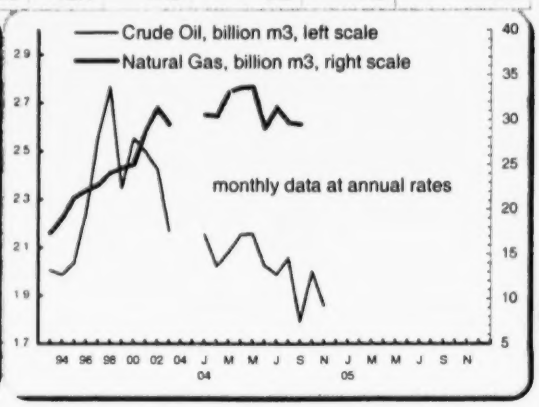
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.8	t 25,000.0	t 212.6	t 1.9	t 41.2	t 8.8	t 18.5	t 542.1	t 23,417.7	t 1,856.4	t 54,336,716
% change	-10.2	5.5	18.0	-4.2	-67.8	-22.8	2.9	-8.0	-9.8	6.5	-6.5	-3.9
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	26,868.0	238.5	2.4	51.8	9.9	20.7	600.1	30,921.1	2,038.9	60,831,165
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	22,907.0	243.9	5.9	55.4	9.5	22.5	660.9	29,691.0	2,181.1	63,151,929
% change	15.8	-8.3	17.3	-2.2	-60.1	-6.5	4.4	-7.8	-9.2	4.1	-6.5	-3.7
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	10.5	11.2	184.9	-21.1	-28.6	-0.5	15.8	0.7	-15.3	-10.3
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	-5.3	8.5	0.0	-9.1	-10.3	-12.4	17.5	-0.5	-7.0	14.5





10 Manufacturing – Durables, NAICS based

Period	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2001	38,281,059	21,619,091	10,816,922	1,057,070	1,697,983	1,539,078	1,448,553	-	1,670,882
2002	38,498,922	22,438,355	11,269,596	1,268,304	1,714,105	1,684,598	1,223,672	-	1,564,813
2003	37,222,910	20,793,748	9,913,006	1,415,721	1,721,456	1,837,105	1,101,172	-	990,928
2004	42,241,637	25,226,017	12,990,872	1,561,287	2,030,841	2,128,728	1,104,534	-	1,061,729
Jan-03	3,164,967	1,805,828	848,232	122,349	147,252	152,120	81,985	-	91,364
Feb-03	3,114,221	1,803,605	854,947	124,028	150,738	159,093	81,532	-	82,947
Mar-03	3,101,344	1,727,907	819,369	119,359	142,397	150,844	73,327	-	85,823
Apr-03	3,077,958	1,708,788	787,026	116,132	140,266	150,711	97,091	-	84,002
May-03	3,015,018	1,671,370	765,498	113,902	139,050	154,895	91,238	-	78,688
Jun-03	3,001,714	1,689,198	783,494	114,034	141,644	147,459	85,899	-	77,791
Jul-03	3,084,801	1,752,470	821,608	110,606	138,119	153,452	99,550	-	78,314
Aug-03	3,122,837	1,771,393	832,612	110,366	136,967	159,425	102,097	-	75,893
Sep-03	3,230,285	1,867,294	876,807	120,488	160,765	150,932	106,773	-	87,863
Oct-03	3,109,195	1,801,871	844,691	114,954	140,173	156,487	100,837	-	81,295
Nov-03	3,130,404	1,822,107	864,059	120,449	137,503	157,331	98,763	-	83,434
Dec-03	3,078,202	1,763,039	817,629	128,709	148,359	144,978	82,669	-	82,873
Jan-04	3,139,030	1,817,132	883,502	124,938	140,278	162,475	93,293	-	92,796
Feb-04	3,248,100	1,895,010	927,563	131,360	152,267	159,642	106,117	-	84,662
Mar-04	3,432,322	1,994,141	996,736	130,608	160,410	167,951	104,074	-	93,553
Apr-04	3,434,877	2,046,807	1,032,633	130,168	164,084	169,156	102,572	-	83,093
May-04	3,579,167	2,119,780	1,097,551	122,781	170,350	172,029	98,301	-	91,674
Jun-04	3,549,809	2,127,933	1,107,156	125,889	166,999	172,614	101,204	-	86,974
Jul-04	3,584,476	2,181,628	1,157,325	124,235	167,477	197,510	92,331	-	81,878
Aug-04	3,636,166	2,206,071	1,179,040	123,029	173,207	186,636	92,045	-	88,291
Sep-04	3,679,992	2,226,189	1,167,115	130,722	183,183	190,313	79,264	-	90,305
Oct-04	3,586,187	2,171,449	1,135,235	134,461	178,744	181,339	78,473	-	94,504
Nov-04	3,631,078	2,190,206	1,126,278	141,315	182,752	183,463	86,363	-	87,722
Dec-04	3,595,412	2,136,326	1,095,239	137,970	178,053	184,014	78,051	-	83,100
Jan-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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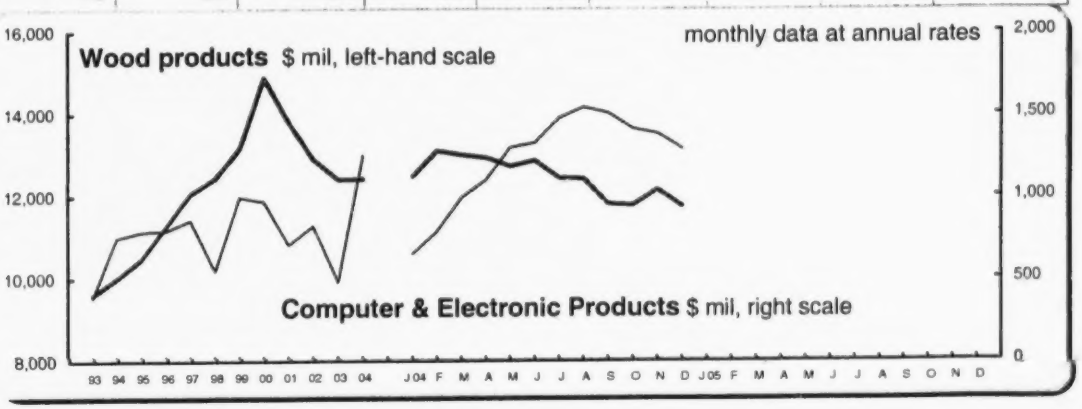
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 42,096,616	t 25,112,672	t 12,905,373	t 1,557,476	t 2,017,804	t 2,127,142	t 1,112,088	t 0	t 1,058,552
% change	13.1	18.5	30.1	10.0	17.1	15.7	0.9	0.0	6.9
Last 12 months	42,096,616	25,112,672	12,905,373	1,557,476	2,017,804	2,127,142	1,112,088	0	1,058,552
Previous 12	37,230,946	21,184,870	9,915,972	1,415,378	1,723,233	1,837,727	1,101,761	0	990,287
% change	13.1	18.5	30.1	10.0	17.1	15.7	0.9	0.0	6.9
% ch. year ago	16.8	21.2	34.0	7.2	20.0	26.9	-5.6	0.0	0.3
% ch prev mnth	-1.0	-2.5	-2.8	-2.4	-2.6	0.3	-9.6	0.0	-5.3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11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
2001	16,661,964	4,504,561	992,470	6,264,089	908,529	-	1,000,572	1,051,738
2002	16,060,566	4,725,249	1,087,141	5,497,354	828,868	-	1,016,553	1,054,264
2003	16,429,161	4,889,680	1,091,227	5,651,945	758,499	-	1,083,911	1,155,869
2004	17,015,620	5,042,595	1,132,995	5,880,975	779,483	-	1,263,949	1,140,405
Jan-03	1,359,139	422,828	95,107	474,258	64,092	-	90,343	93,212
Feb-03	1,310,616	404,816	91,314	437,486	64,376	-	93,025	96,900
Mar-03	1,373,437	407,343	90,549	503,421	61,437	-	88,018	96,742
Apr-03	1,369,170	409,493	90,356	493,698	59,123	-	98,169	95,853
May-03	1,343,648	397,871	95,027	486,279	58,329	-	91,857	97,108
Jun-03	1,312,516	401,080	89,283	459,710	63,011	-	85,500	100,325
Jul-03	1,332,331	409,401	84,762	470,456	60,696	-	89,356	101,010
Aug-03	1,351,444	407,509	87,981	478,760	73,482	-	92,420	95,943
Sep-03	1,362,991	411,263	90,344	497,849	63,947	-	88,287	94,718
Oct-03	1,307,324	408,216	96,176	442,615	61,903	-	86,386	96,182
Nov-03	1,308,297	406,167	88,030	448,053	64,497	-	91,309	94,456
Dec-03	1,315,163	402,826	92,630	459,360	63,535	-	89,655	93,890
Jan-04	1,321,898	412,249	93,619	435,968	59,535	-	88,490	91,308
Feb-04	1,353,090	406,961	93,618	464,758	60,324	-	90,087	97,267
Mar-04	1,438,181	414,487	96,015	525,889	61,368	-	92,989	96,456
Apr-04	1,388,070	404,158	96,916	471,237	62,990	-	103,461	94,895
May-04	1,459,387	404,991	91,919	552,154	62,735	-	105,011	87,795
Jun-04	1,421,876	406,055	92,267	517,195	64,914	-	110,402	88,695
Jul-04	1,402,848	407,340	91,411	493,422	64,333	-	109,085	95,391
Aug-04	1,430,095	424,087	91,150	496,665	69,573	-	107,249	96,838
Sep-04	1,453,803	429,723	95,590	501,032	69,546	-	110,992	99,110
Oct-04	1,414,738	431,502	94,384	461,338	67,275	-	114,544	98,703
Nov-04	1,440,872	446,665	96,120	464,769	66,702	-	113,540	97,354
Dec-04	1,459,086	439,677	97,468	496,548	61,879	-	112,020	96,373
Jan-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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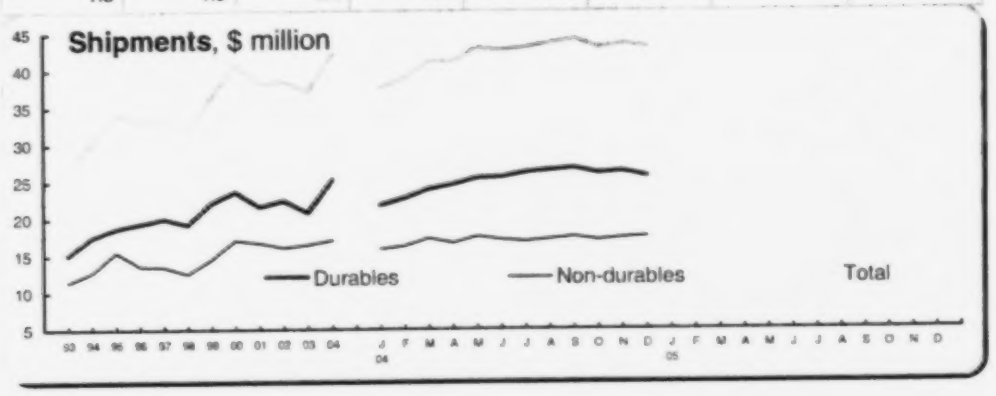
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(last, a-avg) YTD	t 16,983,944	t 5,028,095	t 1,130,477	t 5,880,975	t 771,174	t 0	t 1,257,870	t 1,140,185
% change	5.8	2.8	3.6	4.1	1.7	0.0	16.0	-1.4
Last 12 months	16,983,944	5,028,095	1,130,477	5,880,975	771,174	0	1,257,870	1,140,185
Previous 12	16,046,076	4,888,813	1,091,559	5,651,945	758,428	0	1,084,325	1,156,339
% change	5.8	2.8	3.6	4.1	1.7	0.0	16.0	-1.4
% ch. year ago	10.9	9.2	5.2	8.1	-2.6	0.0	24.9	2.6
% ch. prev mnth	1.3	-1.5	1.4	6.8	-7.2	0.0	-1.3	-1.0



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities

Period	Freight shipments: Port of Vancouver: Shipping - Cargo Handled: Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Vancouver Airport: Cargo Handled	Arrivals/ Departures	Passengers: BC Ferries: Mainland/Vancouver Island: Passengers	Vehicles	Coquihalla Hwy Pas'nger Vehicles
	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,721	2,518
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
2004	-	-	-	-	-	11,181	3,797	2,572
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,478	271	5,750	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	4,919	238	5,156	19,895	715	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	5,136	287	5,423	19,217	784	1,650	492	388
Sep-03	5,131	266	5,397	18,472	636	948	334	227
Oct-03	6,493	264	6,757	19,606	636	833	296	209
Nov-03	6,096	268	5,364	18,614	524	647	239	112
Dec-03	5,901	239	6,140	19,235	626	688	235	138
Jan-04	4,971	277	5,249	17,140	552	556	207	96
Feb-04	5,155	262	5,417	17,999	571	620	232	117
Mar-04	6,045	267	6,312	20,772	619	771	278	167
Apr-04	5,499	240	5,739	18,801	606	862	305	209
May-04	6,725	295	7,020	19,657	666	965	319	241
Jun-04	6,522	299	6,821	20,993	705	993	333	240
Jul-04	5,547	270	5,817	22,369	794	1,450	442	386
Aug-04	6,175	300	6,475	19,347	831	1,560	477	381
Sep-04	5,152	288	5,440	19,580	711	1,025	356	260
Oct-04	-	-	-	19,898	680	905	311	207
Nov-04	-	-	-	18,692	569	660	250	121
Dec-04	-	-	-	-	-	814	287	147
Jan-05	-	-	-	-	-	539	204	96
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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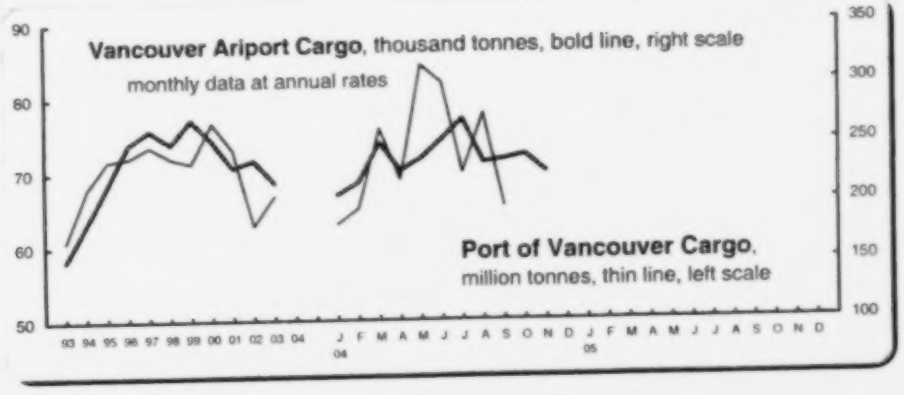
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 51,731	t 2,498	t 54,290	t 215,248	t 7,303	t 539	t 204	t 96
% change	14.9	5.2	14.4	9.5	10.0	-3.1	-1.4	0.0
Last 12 months	70,281	3,269	73,551	234,483	7,929	11,164	3,794	2,572
Previous 12	57,958	3,104	61,062	214,033	7,239	10,801	3,668	2,459
% change	21.3	5.3	20.5	9.6	9.5	3.4	3.4	4.6
% ch. year ago	0.4	8.3	0.8	0.4	8.6	-3.1	-1.4	0.0
% ch. prev mnth	-16.6	-4.0	-16.0	-6.1	-16.3	-33.8	-28.9	-35.0



13 Service Sector — Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS

Period	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Intermtl
	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,808,063	3,787,823	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	58.9	107,107	256,945	1,506,188	3,855	3,600
2003	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
2004	2,480,119	3,558,976	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.7	103,668	249,553	-	-	-
Jan-03	182,091	182,462	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.1	1,525	14,300	129,274	292	289
Feb-03	166,881	210,112	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.3	4,125	23,500	130,210	277	240
Mar-03	171,047	203,096	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.8	18,947	23,200	123,671	314	274
Apr-03	183,054	195,417	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.7	9,239	14,790	120,299	244	203
May-03	234,763	286,647	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.2	13,589	19,050	121,031	299	200
Jun-03	265,979	395,933	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,769	20,100	117,615	366	249
Jul-03	300,416	561,027	861,443	163,394	1,024,837	71.2	1,530	2,490	118,338	453	314
Aug-03	321,846	625,664	947,510	171,241	1,118,751	79.2	828	20,000	124,638	482	375
Sep-03	236,533	315,978	552,511	137,493	690,004	66.8	10,223	20,400	119,762	321	312
Oct-03	178,405	193,284	371,689	82,542	454,231	56.7	29,509	27,754	125,317	248	276
Nov-03	172,458	161,031	333,489	59,676	393,165	48.1	8,557	10,804	125,886	233	229
Dec-03	167,223	226,093	393,316	87,208	480,524	43.9	834	1,000	130,640	285	279
Jan-04	152,888	161,360	314,248	72,760	387,008	45.6	1,872	8,678	129,006	289	295
Feb-04	160,414	195,702	356,116	71,414	427,530	55.7	16,118	10,940	128,839	286	249
Mar-04	171,802	205,608	377,410	78,220	455,630	61.2	12,470	57,100	127,785	320	280
Apr-04	180,754	211,066	391,820	87,463	479,283	60.9	4,842	37,000	132,085	291	271
May-04	228,656	295,746	524,402	139,800	664,202	64.9	12,522	32,400	131,369	320	319
Jun-04	269,906	405,909	675,815	169,481	845,296	69.9	10,893	17,009	132,219	373	355
Jul-04	305,426	584,473	889,899	206,851	1,096,750	77.3	4,582	7,200	133,313	446	397
Aug-04	292,117	554,526	846,643	181,621	1,028,264	77.7	2,800	12,500	128,302	472	421
Sep-04	231,639	356,069	587,708	159,323	747,031	72.3	5,272	20,760	134,070	340	358
Oct-04	170,695	194,714	365,409	94,030	459,439	58.7	26,572	13,800	131,027	260	302
Nov-04	157,896	158,592	316,488	59,092	375,580	49.3	3,524	7,866	-	240	238
Dec-04	157,926	235,211	393,137	88,599	481,736	46.6	1,201	24,300	-	-	-
Jan-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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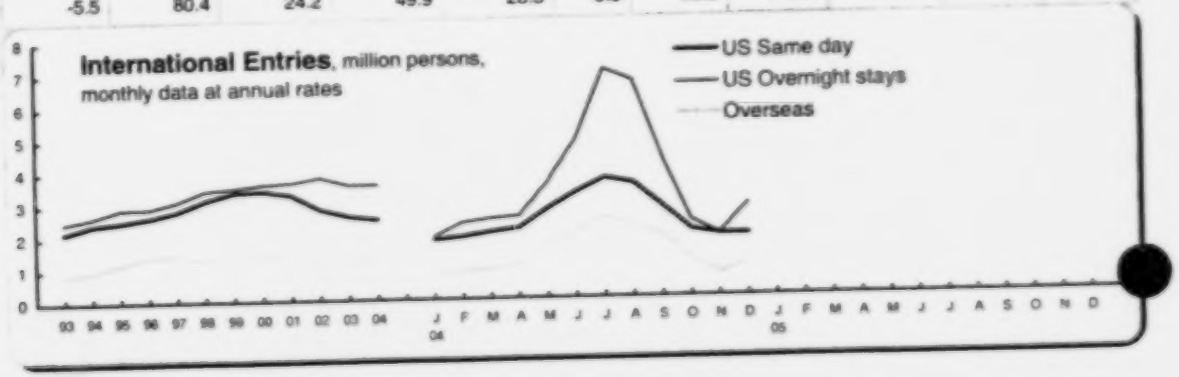
% change	-3.9	0.1	-1.6	17.6	1.5	5.8	-3.7	26.4	6.3	3.0	17.7
Last 12 months	2,480,119	3,558,976	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.7	103,668	249,553	1,564,541	3,922	3,765
Previous 12	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,480,806	3,819	3,231
% change	-3.9	0.1	-1.6	17.6	1.5	5.8	-3.7	26.4	5.7	2.7	16.5
% ch. year ago	-2.1	2.1	0.0	1.6	0.3	6.2	44.0	2,330.0	4.6	2.9	3.9
% ch. prev mnth	-5.5	80.4	24.2	49.9	28.3	-5.5	-65.9	208.9	-2.3	-7.8	-21.2



14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	87.04
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	92.47
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	9,021.5	6,983.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
Jul-03	9,233.8	7,257.9	3.25	4.75	6.20	4.55	1.04	1.3815	88.16
Aug-03	9,415.8	7,510.3	3.25	4.75	6.35	4.55	1.00	1.3957	87.40
Sep-03	9,275.1	7,421.1	3.00	4.50	6.30	4.55	1.00	1.3632	89.23
Oct-03	9,801.1	7,772.7	3.00	4.50	6.40	4.55	1.00	1.3218	91.48
Nov-03	9,782.5	7,859.4	3.00	4.50	6.50	4.75	0.99	1.3126	92.09
Dec-03	10,453.9	8,220.9	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.75	0.96	1.3128	91.65
Jan-04	10,488.1	8,521.4	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.30	1.02	1.2960	92.54
Feb-04	10,583.9	8,788.5	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.30	1.00	1.3290	90.19
Mar-04	10,357.7	8,585.9	2.50	4.00	5.70	4.30	1.01	1.3284	90.55
Apr-04	10,225.6	8,244.0	2.25	3.75	6.15	4.45	1.00	1.3425	89.74
May-04	10,188.5	8,417.3	2.25	3.75	6.50	4.55	0.99	1.3783	87.57
Jun-04	10,435.5	8,545.6	2.25	3.75	6.70	4.70	1.11	1.3577	88.68
Jul-04	10,139.7	8,458.1	2.25	3.75	6.55	4.60	1.26	1.3219	91.00
Aug-04	10,173.9	8,377.0	2.25	3.75	6.30	4.40	1.51	1.3118	91.80
Sep-04	10,080.3	8,668.3	2.50	4.00	6.30	4.80	1.76	1.2878	93.52
Oct-04	10,027.5	8,871.0	2.75	4.25	6.40	4.90	1.74	1.2469	96.36
Nov-04	10,428.0	9,030.1	2.75	4.25	6.30	5.00	2.00	1.1961	99.92
Dec-04	10,783.0	9,246.7	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2191	97.74
Jan-05	-	-	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2253	97.41
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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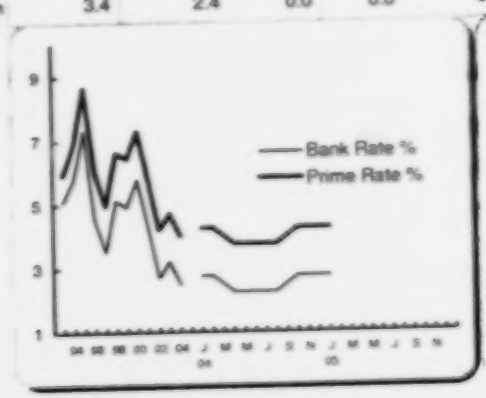
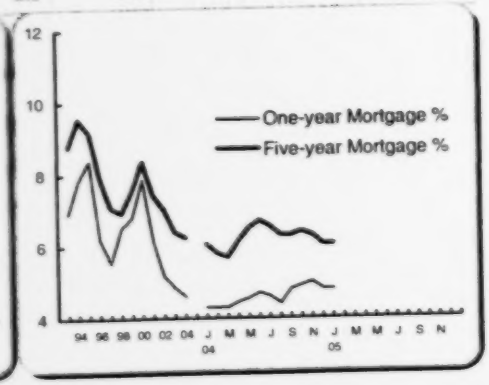
% change	14.5	20.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.6	122.5	-5.5	5.3
Last 12 months	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.63	1.49	1.2954	92.87
Previous 12	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.20	4.70	6.36	4.79	1.10	1.3806	88.14
% change	14.5	20.7	-21.1	-14.3	-2.0	-3.3	35.8	-6.2	5.4
% ch. year ago	3.1	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.6	122.5	-5.5	5.3
% ch. prev mnth	3.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	-0.3





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Researching your business

Information resources guide to business planning

Why a business plan?

Success in today's complex economy requires a solid foundation of knowledge from which sound business decisions can be made. For most people considering or involved in creating a new business venture, this foundation is built from a formal business plan. Even if you believe your business does not require a formal plan, most business experts highly recommend that you conduct at least some preliminary research prior to committing yourself legally or financially to your business enterprise.

The strategic value of a business plan is derived from the information you collect and the knowledge you acquire during this process. That is, the exercise of preparing a business plan is critical in helping you gain an understanding of how your business venture will operate in the marketplace. Financial lenders and other potential investors and advisors will use your business plan as a tool to assess their level of support for your enterprise. As such, it is important to ensure your plan is as complete, reliable and timely as possible.

Although it may seem an intimidating or even an impossible task at first, a plan that does not capture the most relevant and appropriate data for your venture will only serve to undermine your efforts. This is not to say, however, that there will always be the kind of information available that your business plan requires, just that an effective business plan will make the best use of what is available at the time your plan is prepared. At present, there are a number of organizations, both government sponsored and private, operating in BC, who are prepared to assist you in the creation of your business.

The role of BC STATS

BC STATS is the statistical agency for the Province of British Columbia. We are a service-driven organization providing timely and reliable statistical information and analysis to provincial government departments on the economic, social and demographic conditions of the province and its people. Often this output can serve a wider audience and purpose. Our broad client group also includes Crown corporations, public agencies, the business community, investors, media, the public and students. We have developed various information products and services to 'fill in' gaps and extend resources developed by others. Sometimes this means creating the missing bits but it may be no more than reorganizing or associating existing items on a web site. While we are not in the business of preparing or instructing people on how to create a business plan, our data services staff are available to assist people in their search for data sources. This document is intended as a tool to help guide you to the relevant sources and kinds of data that are available through BC STATS and other agencies as you research and prepare for your new business venture.

What kind of information to look for

Your business plan is designed for two purposes: first, to demonstrate the feasibility of your business venture, and second, to serve as a strategic planning tool for your current and

future business development. It ultimately must answer the following question: is there or will there be sufficient demand for the product or service you will supply? Your research must demonstrate support for your belief there is a share for you in the marketplace.

It is important for you to gain an understanding of the general economic conditions that will affect your chosen business. This will require an examination of the **industry** your product or service falls into, and the **market** you will access.

All business within the general economy is described within at least one industry sector. Once you have determined your sector you can undertake **sector analysis**. This will provide information ranging from the **performance** of this sector within the overall economy, as well as information on the kinds of **products/services** that are **extracted, manufactured, imported/exported, etc.** You can also research current industry **conditions**, including overall **market analysis, forecasts** and **growth trends**. This kind of information will give you a broad understanding of how your business may fit into the economy in general over time. It can also give you a sense of how developed or populated the business market might be that you are preparing to enter.

Once you have gained a general understanding it is time to focus more specifically on your market. This will include both **business** and **clients**. The business market you need to research includes business **competitors** and **suppliers**. You will need to know who your competitors are, their location, and their current **market share**. This will require information on their customer size, number of employees, the products they produce, their profitability, etc. You will need to know who your suppliers are, their location, how long they have been established, their distribution and other operating methods. An understanding of the business market will allow you to gain some perspective on how your business may or should develop, and how to manipulate the existing market to your best advantage.

The most critical information you will require concerns the potential clients of your business. You will need to know **who** they are, **where** they are located, **what** they buy, and **why** they might utilize your products/services. To find who they are requires **demographic** (population counts, age/sex breakdown, languages, etc.) and **socio-economic** information (employment levels, income, occupation, education). You will want to know where these prospective clients live, work, and play, and what they buy now or have bought in the past. Finally, you need to research **consumer characteristics** such as spending habits, and other consumer profile data to help you understand why they might want your product. With this information you will be able to develop a more precise picture of the target market you need to attract to support your business. Note that the clients for some businesses are not final consumers but other businesses.

Where to find information

There are many federal and provincial programs available to help you establish commercial ventures at home or abroad. Some agencies, such as Business Development Canada, and the Canada-BC Business Service Centre, will offer active help in researching and preparing your business plan. Many agencies offer extensive information through their internet web sites (Industry Canada, Human Resources Development Canada) or by producing publications and maintaining libraries of information that can be accessed through inter-library loans (Canadian Tourism Commission, etc.). BC STATS maintains a reference library in Victoria as well as providing data through telephone, e-mail and web services. A table below lists some of the agencies and organizations that may contain the information you require to research your business.

You cannot reasonably expect to find your business plan written somewhere, just waiting to be unearthed. Some parts of the economy are well documented and tracked. To find these you will have to familiarize yourself with the jargon and coding schemes of statisticians and economists. However, many ideas fall outside the normal codification of the economy (or are lumped in with so many others that the information is without value for your specific need). In either case, through thoroughness or necessity, you should reach for other sources from which you can infer information.

To get started you should go to a library that contains a complete range of catalogued Statistics Canada materials. The libraries of community colleges and universities, as well as the Legislative and BC STATS libraries, are just such depository libraries. You should start with the industry classification now known as the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Note that different countries have different classification schemes and that they evolve over time. From the industry manual you will soon know if your "industry" is exclusively described by, say, a five digit industrial classification. If so, you are fortunate. If not, then your detective skills will be more seriously tested.

A number of other classification schemes may also prove important. The SGC or Standard Geographic Classification may be important to the correct use of regional data in determining your market size. You may have to appreciate the differences between Vancouver City and

Organization	Location	Contact	Internet
BC STATS	Victoria	250-387-0327 bc.stats@gems8.gov.bc.ca	www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca
Statistics Canada	Ottawa		www.statcan.ca
Small Business BC	Vancouver	604-775-5525/1-800-667-2272	www.sb.gov.bc.ca
Interactive business planner			www.cbsc.org/ibp
Industry Canada		Blue pages	www.ic.gc.ca
Business Development Canada	Local	Blue pages	www.bdc.ca
Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation	Vancouver	Blue pages	www.cmhc.ca
Revenue Canada		Blue pages	www.cra-arc.gc.ca/agency/stats
Canadian Tourism Commission	Ottawa	613-954-3943	www.canadatourism.com
Government Agents Offices	Local	Blue pages	www.governmentagents.gov.bc.ca
Regional and local libraries	Local	Blue pages	
University & college libraries	Local	White pages	
Chambers of commerce	Local	White pages	
Regional economic development offices	Local	Blue pages	www.civicinfo.bc.ca
Regional district & municipal offices	Local	Blue pages	www.civicinfo.bc.ca
Trade & industry magazines & newspapers	Library	Business/reference	
Industry & trade associations		Yellow pages/Canadian Almanac	

Greater Vancouver Regional District and other similar entities. Also note that boundary changes occur from time to time. Dig for this information. It is unlikely that it will be automatically provided in response to questions that do not probe for this sort occurrence.

In short, to correctly use the data available, you must understand how statisticians and economists divvy up the economy and the geography. And you will have to learn some of the jargon they use; the "shorthand" so that a set of standardized concepts can be taken for granted.

Finally, when you actually go to look up the data for the industry and area, you are strongly advised to read the notes and appendices that may reveal important clarifications about the information. Don't assume anything.

Most commonly referenced resources

1 One of the best resources for researching a small business is the series of **Small Business Profiles** prepared by Statistics Canada and freely downloadable from Industry Canada's Strategis site. First of all we are talking about small business: the Profiles are limited to those business that reported between $30,000 and $5 million in annual revenue. Many thousands of business tax returns are sampled and analyzed. Within each industry and province the firms are ranked by their revenues and further grouped into **quartiles** for which the top and bottom revenue limits are published. Quartiles is just a concise way of saying that a quarter of the firms are in each group: the top grossing 25% of the sample, the next 25% and so on. Within each quartile the data are aggregated so that information is provided for the group—not individual firms. For each of the quartiles the Profiles publish a selection of expense items, such as rent and advertising, as a percent of revenues. You will also find the average number of paid employees, some financial ratios (interest coverage, gross margin) and a comparison of profitable vs. non-profitable businesses in terms of total revenues and expenses. Older data sets (years) are based on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC80) while newer years are released based on the NAICS.

➶http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/inpp-pp.nsf/en/h_pm00059e.html

2 Many businesses have a customer profile that they target. Their message, products, and often their very location are chosen to increase their effectiveness in reaching the target market. Without a doubt the best source of demographic information is the **Census of Population and Housing**, which is conducted at 5 year intervals. No other survey matches its scope. Every household is included. If you can improve your business by knowing the age, sex, family structure, ethnic origin, education, occupation, income, etc. of the population in a particular area, then Census data is the way to go. At BC STATS we can generate numerous reports across any or all regions in the province. We can easily tabulate data in relation to pinpoint geographic locations—say in concentric circles from some business' address. For example, one of our customers is a financial institution that, on examining such a report, came to realize that a large number of people in its target area spoke a certain language at home. They recruited someone fluent in this language and reported great success in making inroads into this community within a community. Almost any business can benefit from this sort of knowledge.

➶www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/census.htm

3 Another area where we have positive response from the business community is for our regional profiles. BC STATS has developed a range of regional profile products: from a 28-volume series based on regional districts and their communities; to two-page summaries available freely on our site; with several 'flavours' in between. We even have a web site devoted to making regional data accessible.

➶www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/regions.htm

➶www.regionalindex.gov.bc.ca

4 Our perennial bestseller is the *British Columbia Manufacturers' Directory* (BCMD) which is published annually. It is a 600-page cross-classified directory of approximately 4,600 manufacturing firms. It is an invaluable tool if you purchase from, or sell to, manufacturing firms. Many of the firms listed are small, so there is a high level of turnover each year. As we make perhaps 2,000 revisions each year you should ensure that you always have the latest issue. We have anecdotal evidence from firms that their listing resulted in increased export sales and testimony from individuals that they found their employer through the directory. For some years now we have had the entire database on-line and searchable. We are not aware of a similar free product with the same range of powerful filtering capabilities available anywhere else. Continuing financial support from the Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development combined with recoveries from sales of the book and the database have preserved this invaluable resource to date.

➶www.made-in-bc.ca

5 One of the most important areas for business planning is gaining a sense of consumer behaviour and the consequent potential market. Statistics Canada's **Survey of Household Spending** (SHS) goes a long way to providing a rich data set with annual provincial level spending patterns since 1997. The main print publication is catalogue number 62-202, **Spending Patterns in Canada**, but users with a specific line of inquiry are perhaps better served by contacting BC STATS or using Statistics Canada's CANSIM database and downloading results at $3 per time series. Hint: CANSIM defaults to only the latest year, but choosing all time periods (usually last line of the query) does not increase the cost and gives you the benefit of a time-series revealing changes in consumer behaviour over time.

➶www.statcan.ca/english/services/
(choose CANSIM)

Other useful sources described

Look here for an overview of various industry, product, occupational and geographic coding schemes:

➶www.statcan.ca/english/concepts/index.htm

North American Industry Classification System (Statistics Canada): Introduced in 1997 and revised in 2002, this is the current system of industry classification. This classification structure now provides the basis for most Statistics Canada industry data tabulations.

Standard Industrial Classification (Statistics Canada): A previous system of classifying companies and enterprises according to the activity in which they are engaged.

Standard Classification of Goods (Statistics Canada): A system that classifies commodities based on an eight digit harmonized commodity description and coding system. This classification identifies commodity classes for imports, exports, and manufactured goods. Critical for most product analysis.

Standard Geographic Classification (Statistics Canada): A system of names and codes representing areas in Canada. Identifies all Provinces, Regional Districts (Census Divisions), and municipalities (Census Subdivisions) in Canada. Knowing how geographic areas are structured will help you determine which area to select for your target market.

Small Business Quarterly (BC STATS): A variety of data series on small business in BC. Provides information on business counts, incorporations and bankruptcies, number of businesses by employee size, manufacturers outlook for business conditions. Includes some analysis. (Paid subscription or single issue through our WebStore.)

Business Indicators (BC STATS): A range of up-to-date economic and financial data, including production and shipments for British

Columbia's major industries. Some time series and analysis. (Paid subscription or single issue through our WebStore.)

Quarterly Regional Statistics (BC STATS): Organized by region, and features current monthly and quarterly economic data. Includes charts and tables. Areas covered include British Columbia, Development Regions and Regional Districts. (Paid subscription or single issue through our WebStore.)

Census of Population & Housing (Statistics Canada): Conducted every 10 years from 1851, and every 5 years from 1956, the Census is the most comprehensive coverage of demographic and socio-economic information on Canadians. Published information is available down to the neighbourhood (Census Tract) level. Some non-standard provincial areas (i.e. Local Health Area, School Districts, Forest Regions, etc.) available at cost from BC STATS.

- www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/cen01/profiles/csd_txt.htm
- www12.statcan.ca/english/profil01/PlaceSearchForm1.cfm

Socio-economic Statistical Profiles (BC STATS): Individual profiles are available for Development Regions, Regional Districts, Local Health Areas and College Regions. Includes tables and charts covering population growth, ethnic origin, migration, family structure, labour market, income, unemployment, social assistance, crime, child care, education and health. Produced once a year.

- www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/sep/index.htm

Community Profiles (BC STATS): Contains a variety of statistical information for each Regional District & corresponding municipal areas.

- www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_compr.htm

Community Facts (BC STATS): A two-page summary for regional districts and municipalities.

- www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/dd/facsheet/facsheet.htm

PCensus (Tetrad Computer Applications Inc.): Utilizing Census data, PCensus is a program that allows area profile data to be developed for non-standard geographic areas, such as polygons and radii. Available at cost through BC STATS. Useful for determining immediate market size based on a specified location.

Business Register (Statistics Canada): Records the number and distribution of business establishments based on the industrial classification in Canada and BC. Data at a sub-provincial level of detail is only available through Statistics Canada. This information is useful to gain an understanding of the number of competitors or suppliers within your selected area.

Population Projections (BC STATS): Detailed statistical tables providing historical and forecast populations by age and sex for Regional Districts, Local Health Areas, and other non-standard geography. Critical for determining present and potential future market size for years not covered by Census data. Much of the data is free on our site. The most detailed tables are available through our WebStore.

- www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/pop/popproj.htm

Major Projects Inventory (BC STATS): Information on major capital projects, listed by development region and status (proposed, under construction, on hold, or completed) for projects costing 15 million or more.

- www.gov.bc.ca/sbed/down/major_projects_inventory.pdf

Worth considering as you search

When conducting research on any subject it is often useful to ask yourself the following question: how would the kind of information I need be collected? If you understand how something is done you will begin to understand where the information you need might be available. For instance, it is more likely a government agency will have income information than product sales since individuals and business must file income tax returns but do not need to file specific sales information other than total sales and taxes collected. Research for marketing purposes, consumer characteristics and preferences, and other more subjective personal data is, for the most part, not conducted by government ministries or agencies. The exceptions are Statistics Canada, Health Canada, and Tourism BC. Some ministries will sponsor research like this, but the information generally is used for internal purposes only.

Most statistics gathered by government agencies are done through survey and administrative files. These surveys are usually sample only, which means that not all individuals or businesses are polled. As a result, information at lower levels of geography will often be suppressed by law for respondent confidentiality requirements. Data from administrative records is usually related to financial transactions and/or other forms required of individuals and business operations by law for governments, agencies and Crown corporations. Administrative data is often confidential. Names and information on individuals and/or companies will almost never be available from government data sources. A notable exception is our Manufacturers' Directory where the information is collected solely for the purpose of dissemination.

Most libraries will keep business and market oriented data in their reference sections. Check with the Business or Reference Librarian. Local college and University libraries will carry most of Statistics Canada publications, particularly Census data.

Back issues of newspapers like the Financial Post, and the Globe and Mail, are important sources for data on businesses and industry sectors. They may also contain references to market research or other documents that may be available on the subject. Industry and trade magazines are often important sources for 'insider' information.

Sometimes the most effective and relevant market research data is done by personal survey. This means either direct or indirect contact with other businesses in the sector you are researching. Do not hesitate to visit their stores, call up business owners, talk to the wholesalers and distributors, or talk to your friends about the products or services you are thinking of offering. The kind of information gathered this way is often as indicative of the market as any other statistic.

Data dissemination activities and personnel are often the first cuts to be made by organizations faced with pressure to decrease costs. Be prepared to spend time researching for yourself at the reference centres and libraries in your area. More and more information is made available through government web sites, either federal, provincial and/or local. Many libraries will provide limited internet access to their patrons.

Many of the statistics available may seem too dated to be of use. Time lags between data collection and dissemination are an inherent product of the high level of data quality demanded by most federal and provincial agencies. Canadian statistics organizations are highly regarded throughout the world. Data that seems out of date is still the best available, and recognized as such by most people.

Some people who can help

There are many people who are more than willing to help you develop a business plan. The bottom line is, however, that the true value of a business plan is what you put into it. Use your research skills to locate information on how to write a business plan. Following are a few of the places you might get some help.

- Chartered Banks/Credit Unions
- Accountants
- Lawyers
- Business Development Canada
- Canada-BC Business Service Centre
- Chambers of Commerce/Boards of Trade
- Community Colleges/Night school courses
- Business Consultants
- Internet

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Whenever possible we use **seasonally adjusted** data which removes normal seasonal variations to reveal the underlying trends in the data. Adjusted data are identified as Seasonally Adjusted or SA.

Some series subject to irregular fluctuations are presented on a **three month moving average** basis. All such series included in this report are also seasonally adjusted. Where space is limited these are tagged 3MMA SA.

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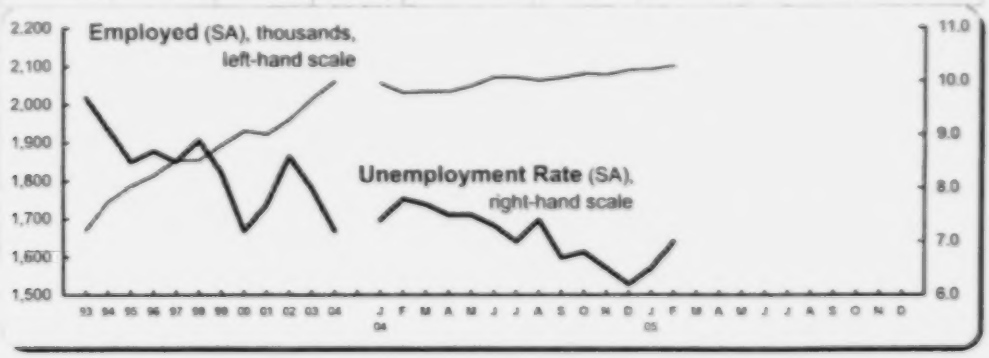
Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted
Ave: average
bd ft: board feet
C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen
Can: Canada, Canadian
GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9
m3: cubic metres
mil: million
MLS: Multiple Listing Service
Moly: molybdenum
mth: month (as in: previous mth)
NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System
SA: seasonally adjusted
T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange
US: United States of America
WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada

Period	Labour Force Activity: Labour Force	Labour Force Activity: Employed	Labour Force Activity: Unemployment Rate	Labour Force Activity: Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Earnings: Wages and Salaries	Earnings: Average Weekly Wage Rate	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: Number of Beneficiaries	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: $
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	$ thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA	Unadjusted		
2001	2,082.3	1,922.1	7.7	64.0	32.2	61,495.9	648.13	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,143.8	1,960.1	8.6	65.0	32.0	63,192.7	668.15	817,850	1,073,203.5
2003	2,190.5	2,014.2	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,066.0	683.82	813,520	1,059,531.1
2004	2,219.2	2,059.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	67,850.1	686.61	737,470	960,359.7
Jan-03	2,153.1	1,981.9	8.0	64.8	32.3	5,411.4	682.07	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,169.1	1,994.0	8.1	65.3	32.7	5,399.8	681.94	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,181.1	2,013.2	7.7	65.6	32.8	5,386.8	681.83	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,183.5	2,008.8	8.0	65.5	28.9	5,398.7	679.75	71,440	86,968.3
May-03	2,183.0	1,998.9	8.4	65.5	33.2	5,388.5	684.26	66,040	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,175.2	1,999.8	8.1	65.2	33.6	5,387.9	686.74	60,670	89,008.4
Jul-03	2,196.6	2,009.1	8.5	65.7	31.6	5,413.8	685.72	64,540	75,483.9
Aug-03	2,193.9	2,011.8	8.3	65.6	30.5	5,416.2	687.79	67,120	83,006.1
Sep-03	2,209.6	2,013.3	8.9	65.9	33.3	5,459.1	690.66	54,170	87,528.0
Oct-03	2,213.8	2,041.4	7.8	66.0	29.7	5,464.1	683.81	58,550	66,990.2
Nov-03	2,209.2	2,037.7	7.8	65.8	29.6	5,447.9	682.56	65,750	86,669.7
Dec-03	2,215.0	2,057.1	7.1	65.9	32.9	5,491.9	678.46	73,050	92,179.5
Jan-04	2,220.2	2,054.9	7.4	66.0	32.4	5,531.7	678.67	81,270	102,257.2
Feb-04	2,202.0	2,030.1	7.8	65.4	33.4	5,572.6	685.65	76,980	109,369.0
Mar-04	2,203.6	2,033.5	7.7	65.3	31.5	5,596.4	677.70	72,950	94,275.5
Apr-04	2,199.1	2,033.2	7.5	65.1	31.1	5,624.1	676.04	65,970	79,729.2
May-04	2,214.6	2,048.3	7.5	65.5	33.4	5,624.9	673.81	59,490	87,371.7
Jun-04	2,234.1	2,071.1	7.3	66.0	33.9	5,658.2	678.14	52,460	65,468.6
Jul-04	2,226.3	2,070.3	7.0	65.6	32.1	5,665.5	680.96	52,750	61,242.0
Aug-04	2,227.6	2,062.1	7.4	65.6	31.0	5,680.4	688.27	58,430	85,782.8
Sep-04	2,218.7	2,069.5	6.7	65.2	34.1	5,690.7	697.88	46,790	61,903.3
Oct-04	2,231.2	2,079.4	6.8	65.5	30.2	5,707.5	704.09	49,490	62,134.7
Nov-04	2,220.9	2,076.8	6.5	65.1	30.6	5,714.7	700.51	57,360	73,706.0
Dec-04	2,228.2	2,089.5	6.2	65.3	33.7	5,783.4	696.56	63,530	77,119.8
Jan-05	2,236.9	2,091.7	6.5	65.4	32.9	-	708.09	72,880	105,871.9
Feb-05	2,258.1	2,099.8	7.0	66.0	33.9	-	704.90	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,247.5	a 2,095.8	a 6.8	a 65.7	a 33.4	t 67,850.1	a 706.50	a 72,880	t 105.9
% change	1.6	2.6	n/a	n/a	1.5	4.3	3.6	-10.3	3.5
Last 12 months	2,224.9	2,068.8	7.0	65.5	32.4	67,850.1	690.58	60,757	963,974.5
Previous 12	2,198.6	2,023.0	8.0	65.7	31.8	65,066.0	683.83	67,883	1,053,185.3
% change	1.2	2.3	n/a	n/a	1.7	4.3	1.0	-10.5	-8.5
% ch. year ago	2.5	3.4	n/a	n/a	1.5	5.3	2.8	-10.3	3.5
% ch. prev mnth	0.9	0.4	n/a	n/a	3.0	1.2	-0.5	14.7	37.3



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
	Thousands of persons										
Period	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2001	383.9	25.8	25.1	4.8	11.4	10.9	110.8	22.1	48.8	15.0	195.1
2002	392.3	29.6	25.4	3.1	9.2	11.3	117.4	23.6	43.8	17.0	196.4
2003	411.7	32.3	27.5	4.5	13.2	11.1	117.4	27.0	49.0	14.4	205.7
2004	431.0	36.7	21.4	2.9	11.0	9.0	141.7	25.3	46.5	11.9	208.4
Jan-03	404.6	31.6	27.8	5.2	7.4	11.3	115.1	24.6	45.5	17.9	202.6
Feb-03	409.7	33.1	27.7	3.7	11.5	12.0	115.8	25.5	50.1	15.4	204.1
Mar-03	424.4	34.7	27.2	3.8	14.7	12.6	121.5	22.2	51.4	15.5	208.2
Apr-03	408.9	32.4	26.0	1.9	13.8	11.6	110.3	24.0	50.3	14.6	206.8
May-03	413.9	31.9	26.2	2.4	18.0	11.3	113.9	24.5	53.4	14.7	208.6
Jun-03	411.3	30.5	28.6	4.5	14.5	11.1	116.3	25.3	51.8	17 0	206.3
Jul-03	412.4	31.2	32.9	4.2	15.7	10.6	117.7	26.5	50.2	16.1	205.4
Aug-03	408.0	32.2	27.7	6.2	11.3	10.8	117.1	28.9	46.5	15.2	206.3
Sep-03	407.6	31.4	28.9	5.6	12.7	10.8	116.9	27.6	43.9	12.7	203.8
Oct-03	415.6	31.9	28.1	6.5	15.1	10.9	119.8	32.3	48.5	12.9	206.3
Nov-03	413.8	35.1	25.4	6.3	10.5	10.8	121.3	30.8	50.2	11.4	204.5
Dec-03	411.3	32.8	23.3	3.8	12.7	9.4	122.4	31.8	46.5	9.5	206.1
Jan-04	425.2	35.6	18.5	5.0	10.8	9.2	131.8	36.3	47.2	10.5	211.3
Feb-04	419.6	36.5	21.5	3.2	11.1	8.3	126.4	27.6	47.7	10.9	211.0
Mar-04	415.6	35.3	20.6	3.0	8.9	9.4	131.2	24.3	54.0	9.4	205.9
Apr-04	422.7	37.0	18.2	2.7	8.4	10.0	134.6	23.7	49.6	10.3	207.5
May-04	423.0	39.3	19.2	3.5	10.2	10.4	134.0	22.6	46.9	14.2	205.3
Jun-04	433.2	39.3	24.7	2.9	10.1	10.4	141.1	21.7	45.9	14.5	205.2
Jul-04	431.5	37.1	27.2	2.5	9.8	9.1	140.5	18.5	49.6	13.4	209.5
Aug-04	433.3	36.1	22.9	3.6	10.5	10.1	143.2	22.1	44.9	11.8	209.6
Sep-04	432.7	33.3	22.1	2.5	11.0	8.5	148.3	22.2	44.3	11.3	208.9
Oct-04	442.6	37.4	21.6	2.4	13.0	8.0	153.7	26.8	42.3	12.7	208.7
Nov-04	443.8	35.4	20.3	1.6	13.3	7.1	155.6	29.3	42.2	11.2	210.5
Dec-04	448.1	38.8	20.0	2.6	14.9	7.5	156.8	28.4	43.3	13.2	208.2
Jan-05	460.4	40.6	19.2	-	13.8	8.0	166.2	33.0	39.2	12.5	208.8
Feb-05	463.1	41.8	22.1	1.6	12.6	9.3	168.9	33.2	42.7	12.5	205.6
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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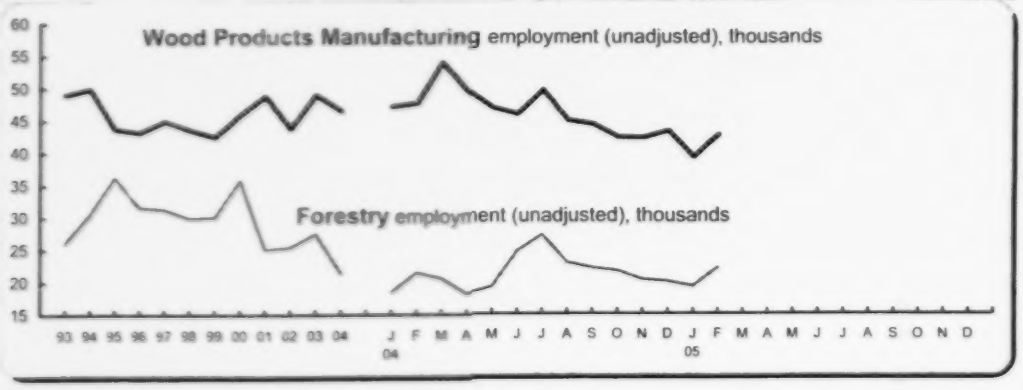
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(l-st, a-avg) YTD	a 461.8	a 41.2	a 20.7	a 0.8	a 13.2	a 8.7	a 167.6	a 33.1	a 41.0	a 12.5	a 207.2
% change	9.3	14.3	3.3	-80.5	20.5	-1.1	29.8	3.6	-13.7	16.8	-1.9
Last 12 months	437.5	37.6	21.5	2.4	11.4	9.0	147.8	25.5	45.4	12.3	207.8
Previous 12	414.3	33.0	26.2	4.5	13.4	10.6	119.6	28.2	49.0	13.4	207.1
% change	5.6	13.9	-17.9	-45.9	-15.2	-15.4	23.6	-9.5	-7.3	-8.7	0.4
% ch. year ago	10.4	14.5	2.8	-50.0	13.5	12.0	33.6	20.3	-10.5	14.7	-2.6
% ch prev mnth	0.6	3.0	15.1	0.0	-8.7	16.3	1.6	0.6	8.9	0.0	-1.5



3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2001	1,538.2	304.0	112.6	122.1	138.6	138.4	197.9	105.3	164.2	88.0
2002	1,567.9	323.4	112.2	125.7	134.5	137.5	211.6	105.8	162.4	87.8
2003	1,602.5	329.5	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.4	213.5	107.1	161.9	94.1
2004	1,628.7	320.6	117.7	131.5	145.2	135.1	219.5	111.4	174.8	97.9
Jan-03	1,577.3	338.8	117.3	128.7	130.5	142.9	206.0	101.2	157.3	89.0
Feb-03	1,584.3	333.3	117.8	128.8	130.5	144.5	213.5	100.5	156.4	93.2
Mar-03	1,588.8	328.3	120.4	128.1	134.4	146.9	211.6	101.3	159.7	88.4
Apr-03	1,600.0	332.1	120.6	129.9	134.0	141.8	215.4	106.6	157.3	89.1
May-03	1,585.0	325.3	120.9	122.9	131.9	141.1	215.1	110.1	156.6	90.3
Jun-03	1,588.5	326.0	115.9	126.8	134.2	137.0	216.9	107.5	159.5	94.4
Jul-03	1,596.7	324.5	113.8	124.4	141.4	140.3	214.1	109.3	160.8	97.8
Aug-03	1,603.8	325.4	119.1	122.9	145.3	140.3	210.3	107.4	165.3	94.1
Sep-03	1,605.7	331.4	114.4	123.9	143.7	131.9	211.2	112.2	167.5	96.0
Oct-03	1,625.9	330.9	117.4	125.4	145.0	140.8	213.6	108.9	166.6	99.6
Nov-03	1,623.9	328.3	119.9	127.2	143.2	136.9	214.5	108.1	166.5	98.4
Dec-03	1,645.8	328.5	123.5	126.4	143.8	139.3	220.0	110.7	169.3	97.4
Jan-04	1,629.8	339.6	119.7	128.2	140.8	138.7	215.6	109.1	163.6	95.9
Feb-04	1,610.6	325.5	116.3	124.4	138.5	137.3	212.5	111.7	168.3	98.6
Mar-04	1,617.9	331.2	112.9	129.8	141.5	132.4	220.7	108.3	168.3	100.1
Apr-04	1,610.4	320.0	117.0	131.7	142.4	132.4	218.6	105.4	173.3	98.3
May-04	1,625.3	322.8	117.9	131.8	144.8	136.9	217.2	104.7	170.7	98.9
Jun-04	1,637.9	321.3	123.1	129.9	143.0	137.0	224.4	112.3	176.5	97.9
Jul-04	1,638.9	324.6	124.4	127.9	141.5	134.9	221.6	113.0	177.7	97.6
Aug-04	1,628.8	316.4	118.3	138.5	143.0	128.1	218.5	116.6	177.0	99.0
Sep-04	1,636.7	314.2	118.0	132.3	142.2	138.6	226.3	115.1	178.2	98.8
Oct-04	1,636.8	311.4	118.3	134.3	152.0	135.0	217.7	115.7	179.4	97.3
Nov-04	1,633.0	310.3	113.3	133.1	158.5	136.2	218.4	111.4	181.6	96.0
Dec-04	1,641.3	311.9	113.0	136.1	154.3	133.2	222.7	112.8	182.7	96.7
Jan-05	1,631.2	318.8	115.0	131.0	154.8	134.1	215.6	109.5	178.4	95.0
Feb-05	1,636.8	322.4	114.5	133.2	160.1	138.5	216.3	105.3	166.0	95.6
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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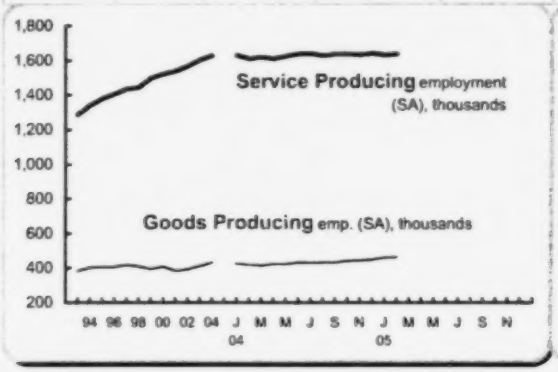
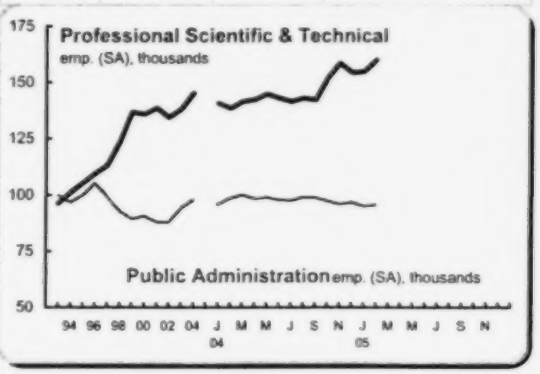
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,634.0	a 320.6	a 114.8	a 132.1	a 157.5	a 136.3	a 216.0	a 107.4	a 172.2	a 95.3
% change	0.9	-3.6	-2.8	4.6	12.7	-1.2	0.9	-2.7	3.8	-2.0
Last 12 months	1,631.3	318.8	117.1	132.5	148.2	134.8	219.8	110.8	175.8	97.6
Previous 12	1,608.7	328.8	118.5	125.9	139.7	139.4	214.2	108.6	163.4	95.0
% change	1.4	-3.1	-1.1	5.2	6.1	-3.3	2.6	2.1	7.6	2.7
% ch. year ago	1.6	-1.0	-1.5	7.1	15.6	0.9	1.8	-5.7	-1.4	-3.0
% ch prev mnth	0.3	1.1	-0.4	1.7	3.4	3.3	0.3	-3.8	-7.0	0.6





4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

	Business			Consumer					
		Business	Bankruptcies (Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada)		Consumer	Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2001	35,884.7	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	40,371.4	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	38,467.9	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	42,906.3	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
2003	39,910.7	23,243	1,002	9,385	120.4	44,033.9	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
2004	43,856.9	25,428	-	8,378	122.8	47,123.8	2,750.8	181,606	5,898,285
Jan-03	3,478.7	2,122	202	731	119.0	3,660.4	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	3,450.7	1,804	186	857	119.6	3,714.2	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	3,403.0	1,952	206	879	120.6	3,593.8	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	3,264.9	1,844	184	862	120.4	3,608.0	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	3,242.6	1,747	136	761	120.4	3,613.6	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	3,196.9	2,047	186	840	120.2	3,625.9	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	3,229.5	1,837	162	821	120.5	3,663.5	197.8	16,982	546,553
Aug-03	3,193.2	1,818	122	684	120.9	3,771.0	214.1	15,961	516,156
Sep-03	3,306.8	2,056	174	767	121.2	3,683.8	197.6	14,310	482,072
Oct-03	3,320.3	2,023	150	827	120.6	3,683.1	211.5	13,784	455,682
Nov-03	3,390.7	2,050	146	709	120.8	3,707.6	253.9	14,389	460,714
Dec-03	3,433.3	1,943	150	655	120.9	3,709.0	370.8	14,242	471,844
Jan-04	3,396.3	2,115	79	665	120.8	3,705.1	162.3	10,894	353,088
Feb-04	3,391.6	2,015	71	757	121.3	3,774.5	168.7	11,896	385,560
Mar-04	3,496.5	2,045	89	877	121.6	3,850.8	191.2	16,155	520,855
Apr-04	3,624.4	2,109	94	730	122.4	3,890.4	213.5	16,582	537,134
May-04	3,625.7	2,156	73	692	123.4	3,899.5	220.2	18,600	589,843
Jun-04	3,658.3	2,337	75	832	123.6	3,919.2	223.2	18,040	595,439
Jul-04	3,794.5	2,075	68	618	123.4	3,970.9	228.5	16,246	524,992
Aug-04	3,804.1	2,031	74	610	123.3	3,941.5	227.6	15,073	485,016
Sep-04	3,747.8	2,022	57	681	123.5	4,010.5	224.6	14,388	468,677
Oct-04	3,825.7	2,015	79	684	123.5	4,026.7	235.7	14,063	461,510
Nov-04	3,724.6	2,109	81	643	123.7	3,977.1	259.9	14,294	471,182
Dec-04	3,767.4	2,399	81	597	123.5	4,021.8	395.4	15,375	504,989
Jan-05	3,685.9	2,141	52	665	123.6	3,986.8	179.1	10,199	327,464
Feb-05	-	2,223	-	-	123.8	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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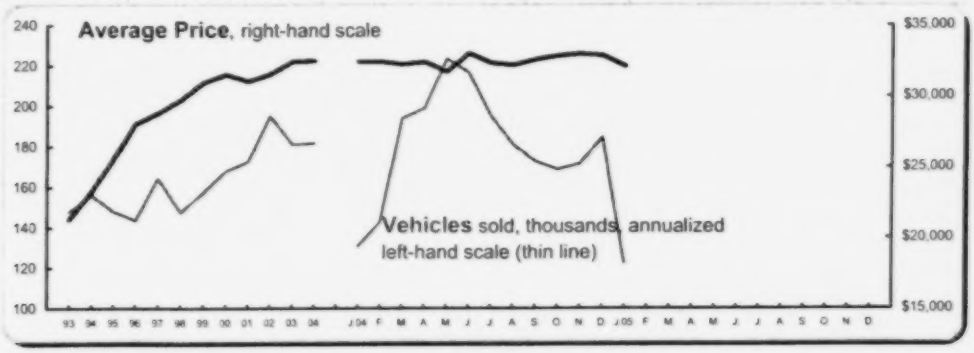
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 3,685.9	t 4,364	t 52	t 665	a 123.7	t 3,986.8	t 179.1	t 10,199	t 327,464
% change	8.5	5.7	-34.2	0.0	2.2	7.6	10.3	-6.4	-7.3
Last 12 months	44,146.5	25,662	894	8,386	123.3	47,269.6	2,767.6	180,911	5,872,661
Previous 12	39,828.3	23,447	950	9,327	120.7	44,078.5	2,529.9	178,990	5,813,742
% change	10.8	9.4	-8.8	-10.1	2.1	7.2	9.4	1.1	1.0
% ch. year ago	8.5	10.3	-34.2	0.0	2.1	7.6	10.3	-6.4	-7.3
% ch prev mnth	-2.2	3.8	-35.8	11.4	0.2	-0.9	-54.7	-33.7	-35.2



5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's, Metals/London Metal Exchange, Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
2001	31,679.7	22,104.4	4,066.1	31,640.7	344.86	1,218.08	1.11	419.83	6.79	7.45	40.08
2002	28,828.4	19,665.8	3,858.5	31,533.2	480.11	804.60	1.11	486.82	7.23	6.77	40.95
2003	28,191.7	18,792.3	3,649.4	31,263.0	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
2004	31,074.6	20,151.6	3,800.5	32,868.1	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
Jan-03	2,359.4	1,561.5	308.4	2,405.5	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	50.76
Feb-03	2,307.3	1,505.3	302.4	2,454.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	54.25
Mar-03	2,626.8	1,773.7	321.1	2,908.9	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	49.52
Apr-03	2,438.3	1,585.4	346.3	2,843.3	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	41.20
May-03	2,335.0	1,562.6	333.6	2,668.4	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	38.96
Jun-03	2,270.8	1,547.4	282.2	2,669.8	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	41.54
Jul-03	2,383.6	1,649.3	310.8	2,527.1	380.61	725.92	1.08	483.25	6.59	0.51	42.50
Aug-03	2,412.8	1,644.6	287.8	2,392.2	437.68	713.99	1.12	502.11	6.98	0.52	44.09
Sep-03	2,395.2	1,623.5	318.0	2,682.3	490.22	706.94	1.10	516.59	7.05	0.50	38.57
Oct-03	2,285.6	1,537.1	276.5	2,839.9	391.27	708.01	1.15	500.75	6.57	0.54	40.09
Nov-03	2,127.0	1,387.9	261.4	2,461.6	397.71	723.23	1.22	511.60	6.80	0.54	40.81
Dec-03	2,249.9	1,414.0	300.9	2,409.4	397.79	733.87	1.31	534.94	7.38	0.58	42.21
Jan-04	2,052.5	1,367.6	247.6	2,149.3	441.93	725.75	1.43	536.18	8.18	0.60	44.41
Feb-04	2,250.5	1,434.6	283.6	2,440.4	515.64	765.48	1.66	538.07	8.56	0.65	46.17
Mar-04	2,591.8	1,689.9	322.3	3,025.7	508.76	798.34	1.81	540.20	9.60	0.66	48.83
Apr-04	2,608.8	1,734.8	279.7	2,683.1	574.57	845.74	1.79	541.36	9.48	0.63	49.25
May-04	2,970.4	1,863.7	390.2	2,946.1	628.52	882.13	1.61	528.97	8.06	0.61	55.52
Jun-04	2,872.1	1,865.5	383.0	2,865.4	577.01	883.84	1.66	532.62	7.96	0.62	51.62
Jul-04	2,783.9	1,830.1	340.5	2,802.3	555.22	871.16	1.69	526.25	8.34	0.59	53.79
Aug-04	2,814.0	1,841.7	349.5	2,828.9	599.48	847.40	1.69	525.31	8.74	0.58	58.95
Sep-04	2,642.7	1,749.4	328.3	2,876.5	543.45	807.45	1.69	521.92	8.24	0.57	59.17
Oct-04	2,652.4	1,746.9	288.0	2,863.8	425.21	745.67	1.70	524.29	8.85	0.60	66.25
Nov-04	2,438.8	1,579.3	274.6	2,874.9	376.76	703.29	1.67	525.54	8.95	0.60	57.96
Dec-04	2,396.7	1,448.2	313.0	2,511.6	430.35	741.22	1.73	538.58	8.66	0.66	52.82
Jan-05	2,392.9	1,529.1	263.5	2,507.6	447.25	767.06	1.76	519.58	8.10	0.69	57.39
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.82	524.69	8.71	0.74	59.47
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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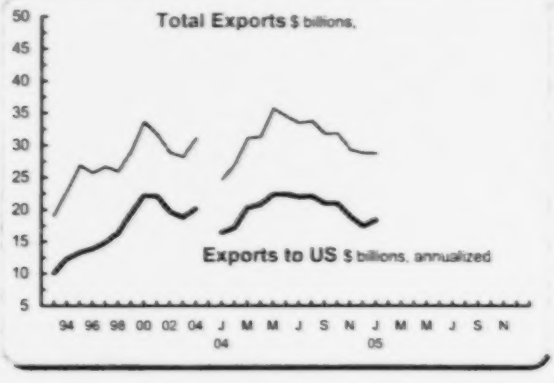
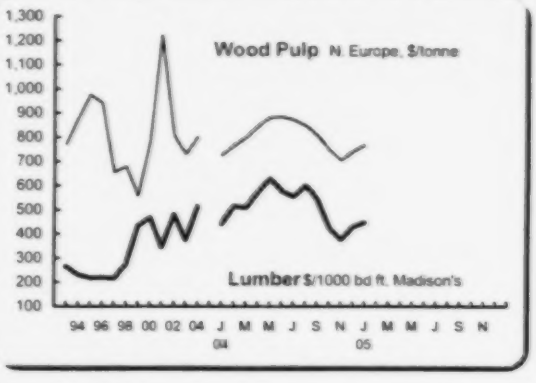
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 2,392.9	t 1,529.1	t 263.5	t 2,507.6	a 447.25	a 767.06	a 1.79	a 522.14	a 8.41	a 0.72	a 58.43
% change	16.6	11.8	6.4	16.7	1.2	5.7	15.9	-2.8	0.4	14.4	29.0
Last 12 months	31,415.0	20,313.1	3,816.4	33,226.5	515.19	804.90	1.72	529.11	8.64	0.63	55.92
Previous 12	27,884.7	18,598.5	3,588.6	31,006.8	385.69	733.50	1.19	506.36	7.01	0.54	42.51
% change	12.7	9.2	6.3	7.2	33.6	9.7	44.2	4.5	23.2	17.2	31.6
% ch. year ago	16.6	11.8	6.4	16.7	1.2	5.7	9.6	-2.5	1.8	13.8	28.8
% ch prev mnth	-0.2	5.6	-15.8	-0.2	3.9	3.5	3.4	1.0	7.5	7.2	3.6

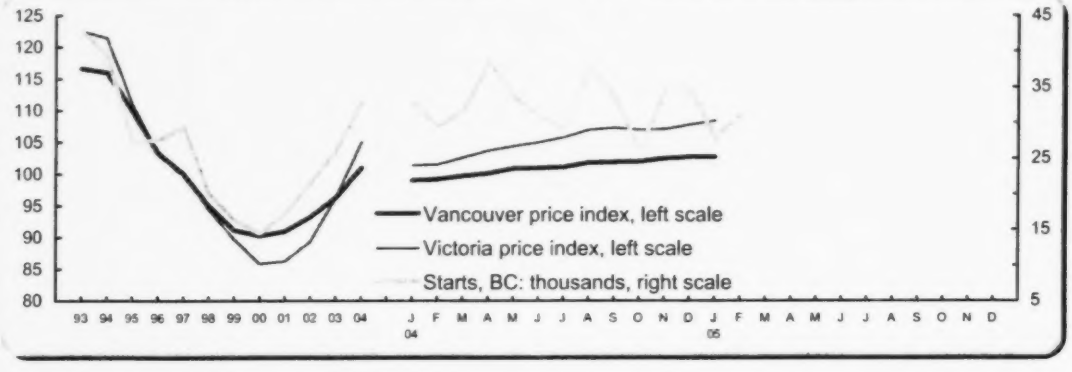




6 Construction and Housing

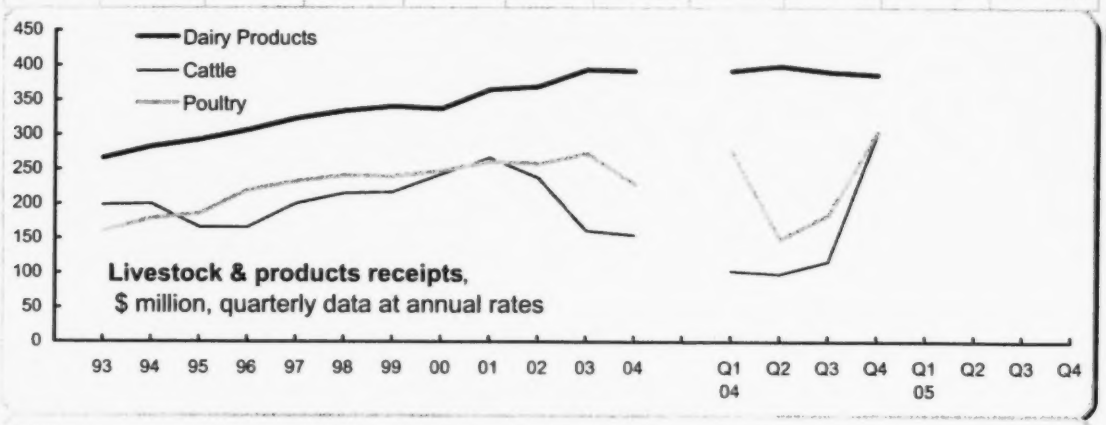
Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

Period	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada)					Housing Starts	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada)		MLS® Average
	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	All Areas	Vancouver	Victoria	Sale Price
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2001	4,954,772	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	90.9	86.2	220,952
2002	5,659,415	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	93.2	89.3	238,758
2003	6,394,238	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
Jan-03	481,441	319,116	18,846	107,332	36,147	19.2	94.2	91.6	242,202
Feb-03	399,519	282,881	11,044	73,104	32,490	26.0	95.0	92.2	252,186
Mar-03	536,734	419,344	10,789	79,820	26,781	24.8	95.3	92.8	252,979
Apr-03	521,648	331,637	36,824	98,387	54,800	24.2	95.6	93.9	250,071
May-03	498,262	359,113	13,091	98,525	27,533	20.9	96.4	94.2	250,522
Jun-03	479,935	342,127	16,070	84,186	37,552	22.8	96.5	95.7	256,107
Jul-03	592,734	384,395	35,241	107,044	66,054	30.2	96.7	96.8	255,162
Aug-03	517,403	365,844	16,783	92,399	42,377	27.3	96.5	98.1	264,008
Sep-03	712,974	485,325	23,417	108,930	95,302	31.9	96.6	98.7	267,870
Oct-03	532,720	392,589	30,595	82,263	27,273	33.7	97.1	99.7	271,750
Nov-03	530,766	373,473	20,284	110,006	27,003	26.4	97.5	100.4	278,780
Dec-03	590,101	458,338	11,040	87,629	33,094	27.2	97.6	100.9	276,371
Jan-04	640,322	473,262	6,975	137,537	22,548	32.8	99.0	101.4	274,852
Feb-04	625,773	492,787	24,844	98,213	9,929	29.5	99.2	101.5	282,348
Mar-04	575,877	435,899	15,345	96,286	28,347	31.8	99.7	102.6	286,844
Apr-04	586,608	459,848	13,719	93,903	19,138	38.5	100.1	103.7	291,398
May-04	579,501	441,574	17,612	84,062	36,253	33.6	100.9	104.4	289,975
Jun-04	1,028,549	775,697	48,218	142,886	61,748	30.9	101.0	105.0	287,188
Jul-04	607,230	440,474	27,024	68,784	70,948	29.1	101.1	105.8	281,599
Aug-04	608,297	412,654	37,720	118,517	39,406	37.6	101.8	107.0	284,685
Sep-04	716,017	550,565	28,060	101,576	35,816	33.6	101.9	107.3	288,340
Oct-04	531,157	422,713	14,598	78,441	15,405	26.1	102.0	107.0	301,576
Nov-04	791,418	566,501	68,221	92,032	64,664	34.6	102.5	107.1	296,667
Dec-04	647,976	396,963	25,714	115,788	109,511	34.6	102.7	107.8	303,977
Jan-05	646,973	466,310	20,733	107,254	52,676	27.9	102.7	108.4	292,931
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	31.1	-	-	312,594
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 646,973	t 516,865	t 20,733	t 107,254	t 52,676	a 29.5	a 102.7	a 108.4	a 302,763
% change	1.0	-4.5	197.2	-22.0	133.6	-5.3	3.7	6.9	8.7
Last 12 months	7,945,376	7,914,426	341,808	1,197,742	543,841	32.5	101.3	105.6	293,148
Previous 12	6,553,118	6,543,252	232,153	1,159,830	492,807	27.6	96.7	97.1	265,068
% change	21.2	21.0	47.2	3.3	10.4	17.4	4.8	8.8	10.6
% ch. year ago	1.0	-4.5	197.2	-22.0	133.6	5.4	3.7	6.9	10.7
% ch prev mnth	-0.2	-4.0	-19.4	-7.4	-51.9	11.5	0.0	0.6	6.7



7 Agriculture

Period	Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)										
	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total Farm Cash Receipts
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2001	364,478	265,941	260,897	279,450	1,170,766	154,782	163,835	394,354	280,866	993,837	2,224,466
2002	368,630	237,188	257,753	265,738	1,129,309	173,978	180,247	423,694	258,557	1,036,476	2,196,700
2003	393,102	160,867	272,982	255,385	1,082,336	217,388	215,182	460,747	243,047	1,136,364	2,278,106
2004	391,731	154,495	228,417	235,630	1,010,273	235,706	200,702	499,442	252,745	1,188,595	2,386,420
Q1-03	97,255	57,247	63,149	60,135	277,786	26,415	13,979	115,185	57,380	212,959	498,536
Q2-03	99,044	32,438	69,928	49,293	250,703	33,494	95,701	224,224	42,068	395,487	650,559
Q3-03	98,158	17,693	71,786	57,619	245,256	75,164	74,195	30,689	66,374	246,422	502,792
Q4-03	98,645	53,489	68,119	88,338	308,591	82,315	31,307	90,649	77,225	281,496	626,219
Q1-04	97,946	25,645	68,963	59,441	251,995	30,324	12,786	124,860	60,499	228,469	507,117
Q2-04	99,669	24,620	37,232	41,906	203,427	35,427	87,982	243,055	40,996	407,460	648,256
Q3-04	97,554	29,087	46,248	48,015	220,904	82,908	70,631	33,267	73,820	260,626	495,396
Q4-04	96,562	75,143	75,974	86,268	333,947	87,047	29,303	98,260	77,430	292,040	735,651
Q1-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q2-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 391,731	t 154,495	t 228,417	t 235,630	t 1,010,273	t 235,706	t 200,702	t 499,442	t 252,745	t 1,188,595	t 2,386,420
% change	-0.3	-4.0	-16.3	-7.7	-6.7	8.4	-6.7	8.4	4.0	4.6	4.8
Last 4 quarters	391,731	154,495	228,417	235,630	1,010,273	235,706	200,702	499,442	252,745	1,188,595	2,386,420
Previous 4	393,102	160,867	272,982	255,385	1,082,336	217,388	215,182	460,747	243,047	1,136,364	2,278,106
% change	-0.3	-4.0	-16.3	-7.7	-6.7	8.4	-6.7	8.4	4.0	4.6	4.8
% ch. year ago	-2.1	40.5	11.5	-2.3	8.2	5.7	-6.4	8.4	0.2	3.7	17.5
% ch. prev qtr	-1.0	158.3	64.3	79.7	51.2	-0.1	-58.5	195.4	11.5	12.1	48.5



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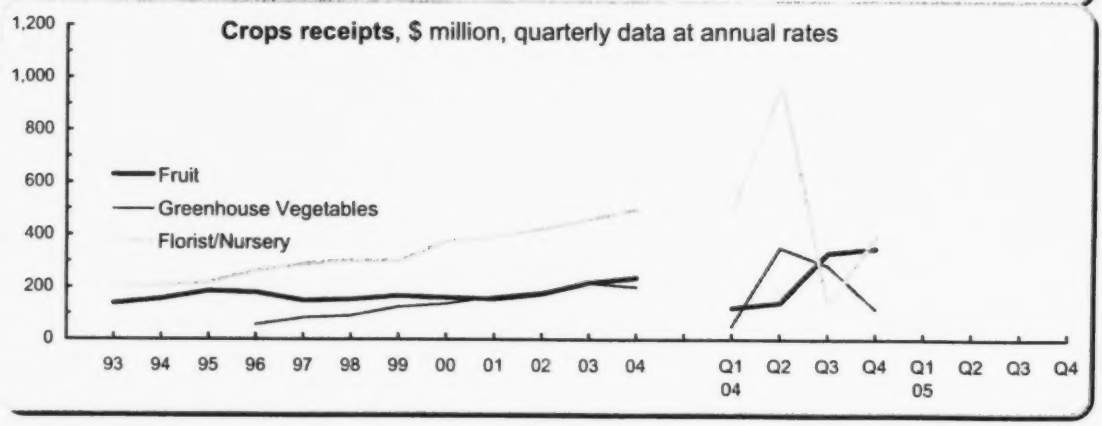

Crops receipts, $ million, quarterly data at annual rates

8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Thousand cubic metres			Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2001	72,212	32,605.7	1,567	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,519	35,500.9	1,710	1,159	1,731	2,890	4,477	1,171	1,729	7,380
2003	61,925	35,423.3	1,732	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
2004	92,361	-	-	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
Jan-03	5,290	3,192.1	146	106	154	260	441	104	145	689
Feb-03	9,296	3,114.6	143	95	141	236	390	90	153	633
Mar-03	10,494	3,290.3	147	106	143	249	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,232.9	153	102	148	250	374	100	152	626
May-03	4,933	3,040.7	139	97	154	251	336	96	150	582
Jun-03	2,615	2,857.8	146	88	116	204	358	104	132	594
Jul-03	2,884	2,898.5	136	103	124	227	434	97	133	593
Aug-03	4,805	2,450.7	130	102	121	223	416	94	137	646
Sep-03	4,126	2,804.0	148	92	125	217	448	102	133	683
Oct-03	3,647	3,298.2	166	101	166	267	382	90	156	628
Nov-03	69	2,661.6	142	100	152	252	371	104	149	625
Dec-03	9,362	2,581.9	136	98	148	246	419	95	145	659
Jan-04	8,387	2,972.5	165	103	151	254	389	96	139	624
Feb-04	4,894	3,116.9	137	96	147	243	387	96	140	622
Mar-04	15,492	3,497.0	155	98	164	262	386	112	171	669
Apr-04	8,174	3,494.7	168	102	156	258	388	89	155	631
May-04	6,313	3,095.0	153	95	147	242	392	97	156	645
Jun-04	5,090	3,330.0	155	84	145	229	353	103	154	610
Jul-04	6,876	3,349.8	155	96	159	255	360	93	159	612
Aug-04	7,327	3,114.5	150	88	156	244	350	82	147	580
Sep-04	7,002	3,382.7	155	85	153	238	391	89	150	630
Oct-04	8,338	3,636.8	165	104	148	252	449	86	149	684
Nov-04	7,822	3,206.4	155	92	149	241	415	96	155	665
Dec-04	6,646	3,008.3	151	101	168	269	464	96	166	726
Jan-05	6,849	-	-	90	162	252	390	85	156	631
Feb-05	7,966	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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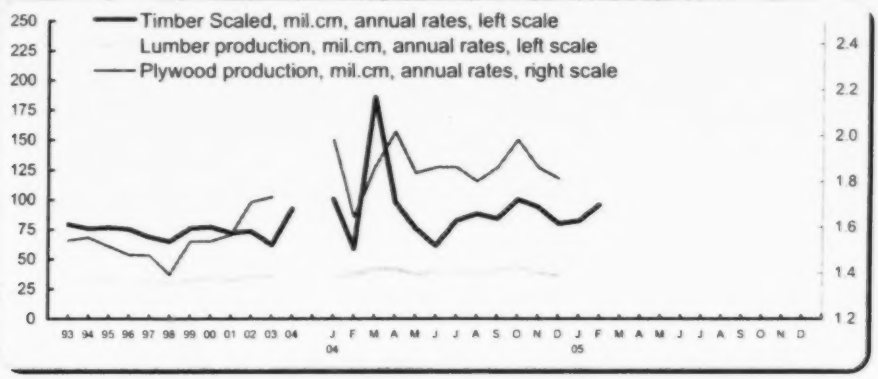
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 14,815	t 39,205	t 1,864	t 90	t 162	t 252	t 390	t 85	t 156	t 631
% change	11.6	10.7	7.6	-12.6	7.3	-0.8	0.3	-11.5	12.2	1.1
Last 12 months	93,895	39,205	1,864	1,131	1,854	2,985	4,725	1,124	1,858	7,705
Previous 12	60,619	35,423	1,732	1,187	1,689	2,876	4,710	1,178	1,727	7,544
% change	54.9	10.7	7.6	-4.7	9.8	3.8	0.3	-4.6	7.6	2.1
% ch. year ago	62.8	16.5	11.0	-12.6	7.3	-0.8	0.3	-11.5	12.2	1.1
% ch prev mnth	16.3	-6.2	-2.6	-10.9	-3.6	-6.3	-15.9	-11.5	-6.0	-13.1



9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Statistics Canada (total) & Min. of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
Period	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,006.0	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	22,821.7	24,397.0	248.3	6.3	68.0	8.0	21.7	652.7	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
2003	-	-	23,061.0	247.9	6.3	64.0	9.7	22.3	660.7	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,050,922
2004	-	-	27,082.0	234.8	2.3	44.7	9.5	20.1	592.7	-	-	60,595,613
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,897.0	19.6	2.0	8.0	0.8	1.5	36.6	2,449.3	181.6	6,305,368
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.0	18.7	1.5	7.2	0.7	1.6	47.6	2,211.7	160.1	5,415,832
Mar-03	-	-	1,965.0	20.2	1.6	0.4	0.8	2.1	77.1	2,507.3	167.0	5,452,418
Apr-03	-	-	1,992.0	20.7	1.7	6.7	0.8	1.6	54.8	2,544.6	175.2	4,399,687
May-03	-	-	2,124.0	21.3	1.8	6.7	0.6	2.0	56.8	2,567.7	193.1	4,373,885
Jun-03	-	-	1,781.0	18.7	1.4	6.6	0.7	2.1	45.5	2,419.6	184.9	4,296,546
Jul-03	-	-	1,768.0	20.4	1.8	2.9	0.6	1.6	49.3	2,311.8	183.3	5,246,845
Aug-03	-	-	1,478.0	21.8	1.6	6.3	0.7	2.2	65.2	2,524.6	182.9	5,339,448
Sep-03	-	-	1,943.0	20.8	1.9	6.0	0.9	2.3	73.3	2,443.4	181.8	4,806,675
Oct-03	-	-	2,125.0	21.6	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.6	46.5	2,525.4	193.0	4,959,737
Nov-03	-	-	2,121.0	18.8	1.5	3.9	0.8	1.9	57.6	2,447.0	182.8	5,960,032
Dec-03	-	-	1,868.0	22.8	1.9	10.8	0.8	2.5	66.6	2,531.0	182.5	6,494,449
Jan-04	-	-	1,721.0	15.2	-	-	0.7	0.9	32.5	2,548.7	179.4	6,694,914
Feb-04	-	-	2,137.0	17.3	-	-	0.8	1.1	38.0	2,535.2	168.5	5,443,423
Mar-04	-	-	2,452.0	20.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	2.0	62.9	2,759.0	173.2	4,945,324
Apr-04	-	-	2,465.0	20.0	0.1	11.6	0.9	2.3	65.5	2,801.1	179.4	4,513,015
May-04	-	-	2,445.0	18.8	0.4	6.7	0.8	1.9	50.4	2,806.2	179.6	4,384,434
Jun-04	-	-	2,197.0	19.5	0.4	3.2	0.7	1.6	46.3	2,422.0	168.7	4,135,339
Jul-04	-	-	2,267.0	19.6	0.1	6.1	1.0	1.3	30.7	2,614.3	165.6	5,161,783
Aug-04	-	-	2,179.0	19.3	-	-	0.7	1.5	36.6	2,471.6	171.2	4,984,243
Sep-04	-	-	2,328.0	20.2	0.3	7.0	0.7	1.9	60.0	2,459.6	149.4	4,060,909
Oct-04	-	-	2,474.0	20.1	-	3.3	0.8	2.2	54.8	2,598.6	166.5	4,669,500
Nov-04	-	-	2,344.0	21.8	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.9	64.4	-	154.9	5,353,623
Dec-04	-	-	2,073.0	22.2	0.4	3.5	0.7	1.5	50.6	-	-	6,249,106
Jan-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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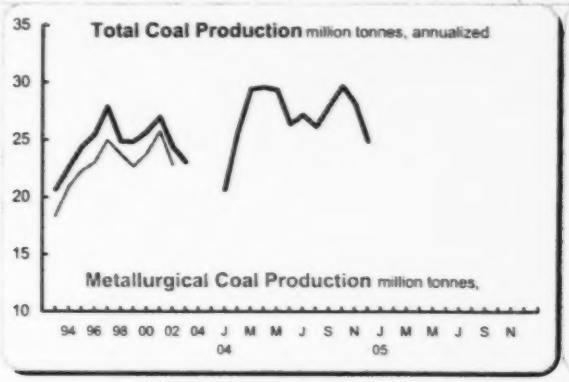
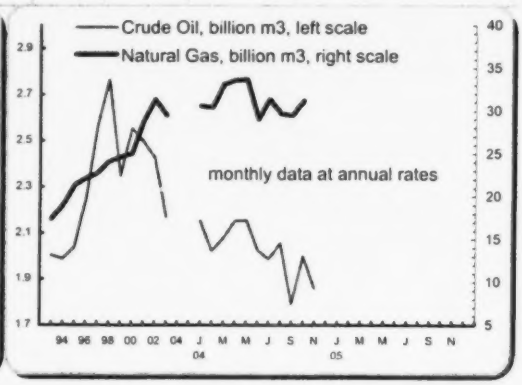
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.8	t 27,082.0	t 234.8	t 2.3	t 44.7	t 9.5	t 20.1	t 592.7	t 26,016.3	t 1,856.4	t 60,595,613
% change	-10.2	5.5	17.4	-4.3	-88.6	-32.0	6.8	-12.5	-12.4	6.2	-6.5	-3.9
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	27,082.0	234.8	2.3	44.7	9.5	20.1	592.7	30,994.3	2,038.9	60,595,613
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	23,061.0	245.4	20.0	65.7	8.9	22.9	676.9	29,553.1	2,181.1	63,050,922
% change	15.8	-8.3	17.4	-4.3	-88.6	-32.0	6.8	-12.5	-12.4	4.9	-6.5	-3.9
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	11.0	-2.6	-77.3	-67.6	-7.8	-38.6	-24.0	2.9	-15.3	-3.8
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	-11.6	1.8	61.1	16.7	1.4	-19.5	-21.4	5.7	-7.0	16.7





10 Manufacturing – Durables, NAICS based

Period	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2001	38,281,059	21,619,091	10,816,922	1,057,070	1,697,983	1,539,078	1,448,553	-	1,670,882
2002	38,498,922	22,438,355	11,269,596	1,268,304	1,714,105	1,684,598	1,223,672	-	1,564,813
2003	37,222,910	20,793,748	9,913,006	1,415,721	1,721,456	1,837,105	1,101,172	-	990,928
2004	42,232,848	25,245,021	13,010,452	1,565,417	2,030,831	2,125,653	1,100,581	-	1,062,625
Jan-03	3,164,967	1,805,828	848,232	122,349	147,252	152,120	81,985	-	91,364
Feb-03	3,114,221	1,803,605	854,947	124,028	150,738	159,093	81,532	-	82,947
Mar-03	3,101,344	1,727,907	819,369	119,359	142,397	150,844	73,327	-	85,823
Apr-03	3,077,958	1,708,788	787,026	116,132	140,266	150,711	97,091	-	84,002
May-03	3,015,018	1,671,370	765,498	113,902	139,050	154,895	91,238	-	78,688
Jun-03	3,001,714	1,689,198	783,494	114,034	141,644	147,459	85,899	-	77,791
Jul-03	3,084,801	1,752,470	821,608	110,606	138,119	153,452	99,550	-	78,314
Aug-03	3,122,837	1,771,393	832,612	110,366	136,967	159,425	102,097	-	75,893
Sep-03	3,230,285	1,867,294	876,807	120,488	160,765	150,932	106,773	-	87,863
Oct-03	3,109,195	1,801,871	844,691	114,954	140,173	156,487	100,837	-	81,295
Nov-03	3,130,404	1,822,107	864,059	120,449	137,503	157,331	98,763	-	83,434
Dec-03	3,078,202	1,763,039	817,629	128,709	148,359	144,978	82,669	-	82,873
Jan-04	3,139,030	1,817,132	883,502	124,938	140,278	162,475	93,293	-	92,796
Feb-04	3,248,100	1,895,010	927,563	131,360	152,267	159,642	106,117	-	84,662
Mar-04	3,432,322	1,994,141	996,736	130,608	160,410	167,951	104,074	-	93,553
Apr-04	3,434,877	2,046,807	1,032,633	130,168	164,084	169,156	102,572	-	83,093
May-04	3,579,167	2,119,780	1,097,551	122,781	170,350	172,029	98,301	-	91,674
Jun-04	3,549,809	2,127,933	1,107,156	125,889	166,999	172,614	101,204	-	86,974
Jul-04	3,584,476	2,181,628	1,157,325	124,235	167,477	197,510	92,331	-	81,878
Aug-04	3,636,166	2,206,071	1,179,040	123,029	173,207	186,636	92,045	-	88,291
Sep-04	3,679,992	2,226,189	1,167,115	130,722	183,183	190,313	79,264	-	90,305
Oct-04	3,587,451	2,175,087	1,137,151	135,440	179,123	180,795	77,350	-	95,272
Nov-04	3,627,431	2,193,179	1,129,908	142,101	183,612	184,403	84,619	-	88,210
Dec-04	3,582,311	2,137,137	1,091,235	137,195	179,178	190,488	77,807	-	83,154
Jan-05	3,585,559	2,154,521	1,079,197	131,178	190,329	209,783	80,593	-	91,905
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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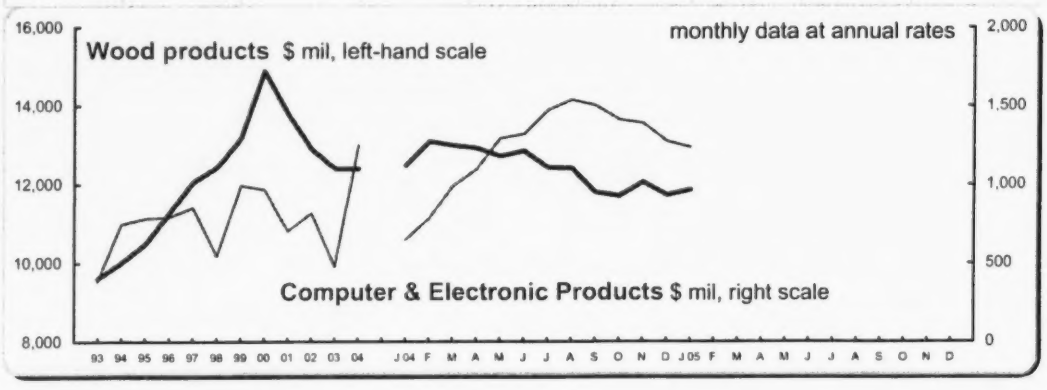
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 3,585,559	t 2,154,521	t 1,079,197	t 131,178	t 190,329	t 209,783	t 80,593	t 0	t 91,905
% change	14.2	18.6	22.1	5.0	35.7	29.1	-13.6	0.0	-1.0
Last 12 months	42,527,661	25,457,483	13,102,610	1,564,706	2,070,219	2,181,320	1,096,277	0	1,058,971
Previous 12	37,205,009	21,196,174	9,951,242	1,417,965	1,716,259	1,848,082	1,113,069	0	991,719
% change	14.3	20.1	31.7	10.3	20.6	18.0	-1.5	0.0	6.8
% ch. year ago	14.2	18.6	22.1	5.0	35.7	29.1	-13.6	0.0	-1.0
% ch prev mnth	0.1	0.8	-1.1	-4.4	6.2	10.1	3.6	0.0	10.5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11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
2001	16,661,964	4,504,561	992,470	6,264,089	908,529	-	1,000,572	1,051,738
2002	16,060,566	4,725,249	1,087,141	5,497,354	828,868	-	1,016,553	1,054,264
2003	16,429,161	4,889,680	1,091,227	5,651,945	758,499	-	1,083,911	1,155,869
2004	16,987,827	5,023,393	1,129,777	5,874,357	777,244	-	1,266,669	1,139,619
Jan-03	1,359,139	422,828	95,107	474,258	64,092	-	90,343	93,212
Feb-03	1,310,616	404,816	91,314	437,486	64,376	-	93,025	96,900
Mar-03	1,373,437	407,343	90,549	503,421	61,437	-	88,018	96,742
Apr-03	1,369,170	409,493	90,356	493,698	59,123	-	98,169	95,853
May-03	1,343,648	397,871	95,027	486,279	58,329	-	91,857	97,108
Jun-03	1,312,516	401,080	89,283	459,710	63,011	-	85,500	100,325
Jul-03	1,332,331	409,401	84,762	470,456	60,696	-	89,356	101,010
Aug-03	1,351,444	407,509	87,981	478,760	73,482	-	92,420	95,943
Sep-03	1,362,991	411,263	90,344	497,849	63,947	-	88,287	94,718
Oct-03	1,307,324	408,216	96,176	442,615	61,903	-	86,386	96,182
Nov-03	1,308,297	406,167	88,030	448,053	64,497	-	91,309	94,456
Dec-03	1,315,163	402,826	92,630	459,360	63,535	-	89,655	93,890
Jan-04	1,321,898	412,249	93,619	435,968	59,535	-	88,490	91,308
Feb-04	1,353,090	406,961	93,618	464,758	60,324	-	90,087	97,267
Mar-04	1,438,181	414,487	96,015	525,889	61,368	-	92,989	96,456
Apr-04	1,388,070	404,158	96,916	471,237	62,990	-	103,461	94,895
May-04	1,459,387	404,991	91,919	552,154	62,735	-	105,011	87,795
Jun-04	1,421,876	406,055	92,267	517,195	64,914	-	110,402	88,695
Jul-04	1,402,848	407,340	91,411	493,422	64,333	-	109,085	95,391
Aug-04	1,430,095	424,087	91,150	496,665	69,573	-	107,249	96,838
Sep-04	1,453,803	429,723	95,590	501,032	69,546	-	110,992	99,110
Oct-04	1,412,364	427,514	93,548	462,606	67,053	-	114,842	98,711
Nov-04	1,434,252	440,221	94,981	465,338	66,658	-	113,501	97,519
Dec-04	1,445,174	434,883	95,703	488,093	61,323	-	112,209	96,908
Jan-05	1,431,038	440,755	93,485	457,840	67,838	-	109,504	103,844
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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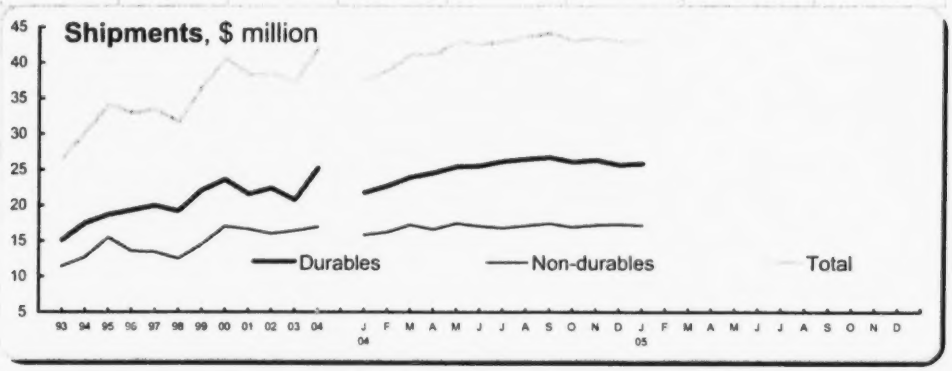
% change	8.3	6.9	-0.1	5.0	13.9	0.0	23.7	13.7
Last 12 months	17,070,178	5,041,175	1,126,603	5,896,229	778,655	0	1,279,332	1,153,429
Previous 12	16,008,835	4,878,234	1,090,071	5,613,655	753,871	0	1,082,472	1,154,435
% change	6.6	3.3	3.4	5.0	3.3	0.0	18.2	-0.1
% ch. year ago	8.3	6.9	-0.1	5.0	13.9	0.0	23.7	13.7
% ch prev mnth	-1.0	1.4	-2.3	-6.2	10.6	0.0	-2.4	7.2



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,721	2,518
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
2004	70,289	3,283	73,574	233,809	7,986	11,181	3,797	2,572
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,478	271	5,750	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	4,919	238	5,156	19,895	715	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	5,136	287	5,423	19,217	784	1,650	492	388
Sep-03	5,131	266	5,397	18,472	636	948	334	227
Oct-03	6,493	264	6,757	19,606	636	833	296	209
Nov-03	6,096	268	6,364	18,614	524	647	239	112
Dec-03	5,901	239	6,140	19,235	626	688	235	138
Jan-04	4,971	277	5,249	17,140	552	556	207	96
Feb-04	5,155	262	5,417	17,999	571	620	232	117
Mar-04	6,045	267	6,312	20,772	619	771	278	167
Apr-04	5,499	240	5,739	18,801	606	862	305	209
May-04	6,725	295	7,020	19,659	666	965	319	241
Jun-04	6,522	299	6,821	20,993	705	993	333	240
Jul-04	5,550	270	5,819	22,369	794	1,450	442	386
Aug-04	6,175	300	6,475	19,347	831	1,560	477	381
Sep-04	5,155	288	5,444	19,580	711	1,025	356	260
Oct-04	6,523	247	6,770	19,898	680	905	311	207
Nov-04	5,703	285	5,989	18,692	569	660	250	121
Dec-04	6,266	253	6,519	18,559	683	814	287	147
Jan-05	-	-	-	-	-	539	204	96
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	602	228	121
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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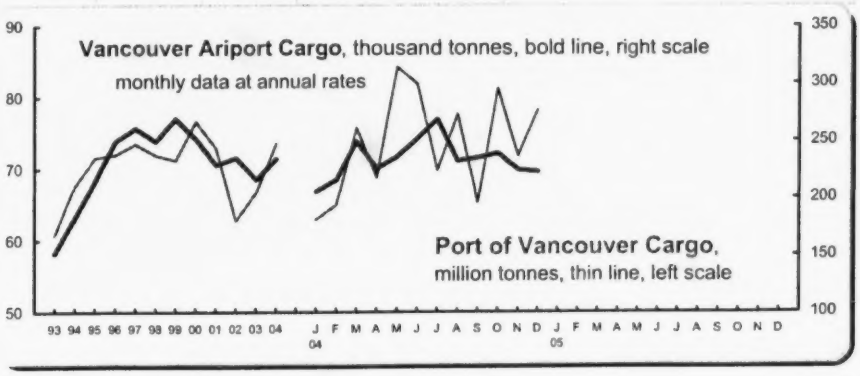
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 70,289	t 3,283	t 73,574	t 233,809	t 7,986	t 1,141	t 432	t 216
% change	10.5	4.4	10.3	8.3	9.9	-3.0	-1.6	1.7
Last 12 months	70,289	3,283	73,574	233,809	7,986	11,146	3,790	2,576
Previous 12	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,830	3,680	2,464
% change	10.5	4.4	10.3	8.3	9.9	2.9	3.0	4.6
% ch. year ago	6.2	5.9	6.2	-3.5	9.0	-2.9	-1.7	3.2
% ch prev mnth	9.9	-11.2	8.8	-0.7	20.1	11.7	11.8	26.2



13 Service Sector — Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS

	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Intermtl
Period	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,808,063	3,787,823	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	58.9	107,107	256,945	1,506,188	3,855	3,600
2003	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
2004	2,493,755	3,545,340	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.7	103,668	249,553	-	3,965	3,775
Jan-03	182,091	182,462	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.1	1,525	14,300	129,372	292	289
Feb-03	166,881	210,112	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.3	4,125	23,500	130,257	277	240
Mar-03	171,047	203,096	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.8	18,947	23,200	123,746	314	274
Apr-03	183,054	195,417	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.7	9,239	14,790	120,287	244	203
May-03	234,763	286,647	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.2	13,589	19,050	121,040	299	200
Jun-03	265,979	395,933	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,769	20,100	117,660	366	249
Jul-03	300,416	561,027	861,443	163,394	1,024,837	71.2	1,530	2,490	118,393	453	314
Aug-03	321,846	625,664	947,510	171,241	1,118,751	79.2	828	20,000	124,756	482	375
Sep-03	236,533	315,978	552,511	137,493	690,004	66.8	10,223	20,400	119,876	321	312
Oct-03	178,405	193,284	371,689	82,542	454,231	56.7	29,509	27,754	125,484	248	276
Nov-03	172,458	161,031	333,489	59,676	393,165	48.1	8,557	10,804	125,571	233	229
Dec-03	167,223	226,093	393,316	87,208	480,524	43.9	834	1,000	130,239	285	279
Jan-04	152,888	161,360	314,248	72,760	387,008	45.6	1,872	8,678	129,129	289	295
Feb-04	160,414	195,702	356,116	71,414	427,530	55.7	16,118	10,940	129,048	286	249
Mar-04	171,802	205,608	377,410	78,220	455,630	61.2	12,470	57,100	127,769	320	280
Apr-04	180,945	210,875	391,820	87,463	479,283	60.9	4,842	37,000	132,117	291	271
May-04	233,539	290,863	524,402	139,800	664,202	64.9	12,522	32,400	131,355	320	319
Jun-04	278,468	397,347	675,815	169,481	845,296	69.9	10,893	17,009	132,161	373	355
Jul-04	305,426	584,473	889,899	206,851	1,096,750	77.3	4,582	7,200	133,344	453	397
Aug-04	292,117	554,526	846,643	181,621	1,028,264	77.7	2,800	12,500	128,467	474	421
Sep-04	231,639	356,069	587,708	159,323	747,031	72.3	6,272	20,760	134,316	345	358
Oct-04	170,695	194,714	365,409	94,030	459,439	58.7	26,572	13,800	131,455	265	302
Nov-04	157,896	158,592	316,488	59,092	375,580	49.3	3,524	7,866	134,069	248	238
Dec-04	157,926	235,211	393,137	88,599	481,736	46.6	1,201	24,300	-	299	290
Jan-05	131,560	156,325	287,885	72,030	359,915	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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% change	6.1	104.9	-8.4	-1.0	-7.0	5.8	-3.7	26.4	6.4	3.9	16.5
Last 12 months	2,472,427	3,540,305	6,012,732	1,407,924	7,420,656	61.7	103,668	249,553	1,573,469	3,965	3,775
Previous 12	2,551,493	3,535,642	6,087,135	1,197,649	7,284,784	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,482,884	3,814	3,241
% change	-3.1	0.1	-1.2	17.6	1.9	5.8	-3.7	26.4	6.1	3.9	16.5
% ch. year ago	-8.7	-7.9	-8.4	-1.0	-7.0	6.2	44.0	2,330.0	6.8	5.1	3.7
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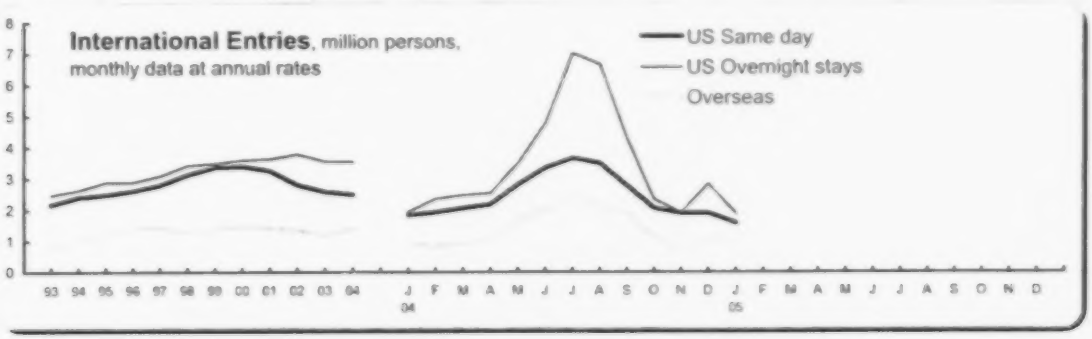

14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
					Conventional Mortgage				
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Five year Rate	One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	87.04
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	92.47
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	9,021.5	6,983.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
Jul-03	9,233.8	7,257.9	3.25	4.75	6.20	4.55	1.04	1.3815	88.16
Aug-03	9,415.8	7,510.3	3.25	4.75	6.35	4.55	1.00	1.3957	87.40
Sep-03	9,275.1	7,421.1	3.00	4.50	6.30	4.55	1.00	1.3632	89.23
Oct-03	9,801.1	7,772.7	3.00	4.50	6.40	4.55	1.00	1.3218	91.48
Nov-03	9,782.5	7,859.4	3.00	4.50	6.50	4.75	0.99	1.3126	92.09
Dec-03	10,453.9	8,220.9	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.75	0.96	1.3128	91.65
Jan-04	10,488.1	8,521.4	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.30	1.02	1.2960	92.54
Feb-04	10,583.9	8,788.5	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.30	1.00	1.3290	90.19
Mar-04	10,357.7	8,585.9	2.50	4.00	5.70	4.30	1.01	1.3284	90.55
Apr-04	10,225.6	8,244.0	2.25	3.75	6.15	4.45	1.00	1.3425	89.74
May-04	10,188.5	8,417.3	2.25	3.75	6.50	4.55	0.99	1.3783	87.57
Jun-04	10,435.5	8,545.6	2.25	3.75	6.70	4.70	1.11	1.3577	88.68
Jul-04	10,139.7	8,458.1	2.25	3.75	6.55	4.60	1.26	1.3219	91.00
Aug-04	10,173.9	8,377.0	2.25	3.75	6.30	4.40	1.51	1.3118	91.80
Sep-04	10,080.3	8,668.3	2.50	4.00	6.30	4.80	1.76	1.2878	93.52
Oct-04	10,027.5	8,871.0	2.75	4.25	6.40	4.90	1.74	1.2469	96.36
Nov-04	10,428.0	9,030.1	2.75	4.25	6.30	5.00	2.00	1.1961	99.92
Dec-04	10,783.0	9,246.7	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2191	97.74
Jan-05	10,489.9	9,204.1	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2253	97.41
Feb-05	10,766.2	9,668.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.52	1.2397	96.40
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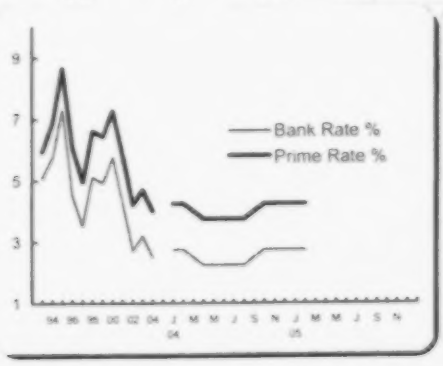
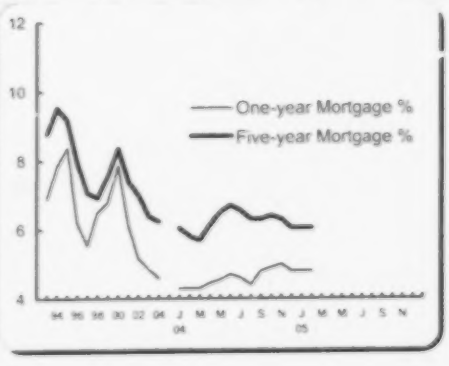
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 10,628.1	a 9,436.2	a 2.75	a 4.25	a 6.05	a 4.80	a 2.40	a 1.2325	a 96.91
% change	0.9	9.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	11.6	137.1	-6.1	6.1
Last 12 months	10,341.3	8,776.4	2.50	4.00	6.25	4.68	1.62	1.2880	93.39
Previous 12	9,448.2	7,510.4	3.15	4.65	6.29	4.74	1.08	1.3653	88.92
% change	9.5	16.9	-20.5	-13.9	-0.6	-1.4	50.0	-5.7	5.0
% ch. year ago	1.7	10.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	11.6	152.0	-6.7	6.9
% ch. prev mnth	2.6	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	1.2	-1.0





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Provincial Electoral Districts: All politics is local

The same but different

Canada is one of the most diverse countries in the world. First Nations heritage, European settlement, and westward expansion fed by immigration created the country and urban centres that now draw a more exotic mix of migrants. A census is taken at five-year intervals, which gives us a socio-economic snapshot of the evolving country. Since virtually everyone responds to the census, it is possible to divvy the country up into increasingly numerous parts.

When we move from the composite national profile to provincial profiles, we encounter variations that differentiate the provinces from the national averages. Likewise, any division of the province into parts will show a wider range of variability among them. With this in mind, we will look at a number of demographic characteristics in the provincial ridings based on the results of the 2001 Census. It serves our purposes here to look only at the ridings at the extremes of variability. These tables, as well as more detailed tabulations featuring the full set of ridings, appear on our web site at: www.gov.bc.ca/data/cen01/profiles/PED.htm

Issues will resonate to varying degrees in each riding depending on local circumstances, sensibilities and experiences. Sometimes what sets these apart can be gauged by socio-economic stratification, and that is the basis of the presentation that follows. The spectrum of sensitivity to issues can make for unexpected alliances of otherwise remarkably different regions. This analysis will bring several ridings into focus on any given characteristic. If, instead, you want to know more about any individual riding, you will find an 18-page profile on each of the 79 ridings on our web site at: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/cen01/profiles/csd_txt.htm#PED_mark

Methodology

Readers should note that the Provincial Electoral District (PED) census characteristics in this document and published elsewhere by BC STATS have been derived by aggregating census data published by Statistics Canada for many smaller areas. All census geographies, including the smallest areas (known as Dissemination Areas DA), are subject to rules regarding suppression and random rounding that guarantee the protection of privacy of individual responses. As a result, the information should be regarded as an approximation, albeit a very good approximation of the true values, since a number of areas with small populations (generally below 40 persons, less than 250 persons for income-related questions) or poor response have been excluded from the calculations.

www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/Regions/ped.htm

Growing pains

Population growth or decline can challenge a community's ability to adjust when the change is relatively large. Just as Canada has become a highly urbanised society, so has British Columbia. It's not just that rural areas are not growing as fast as some urban areas—some are losing population, while other mostly urban centres are growing at challenging rates.

The strongest growth is highly localised to the Lower Mainland, but it is not evenly distributed throughout the region. The leafy neighbourhoods of Vancouver and the inner communities are not much changed. Only Vancouver-Burrard, with development in Yaletown and Coal Harbour, and other inner communities with room for densification or new development, join the fringe suburbs that have sprouted development, to top the list.

It's a whole different story along the outer coast, the Kootenays and along the Yellowhead highway.

Stressed up and down	Population, 2001 (DA & blockface data)	Population percentage change, 1996-2001
Canada	30,007,094	4.0
British Columbia	3,907,738	4.9
45 Port Moody-Westwood	61,637	24.5
61 Surrey-Tynehead	59,081	24.3
50 Richmond Centre	56,792	22.7
60 Surrey-Panorama Ridge	53,289	22.2
64 Vancouver Burrard	64,046	20.9
57 Surrey Cloverdale	49,122	19.2
59 Surrey Newton	50,281	16.4
2 Abbotsford-Mount Lehman	55,493	14.5
5 Burnaby Edmonds	55,741	11.7
33 New Westminster	54,656	10.8
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32 Nelson-Creston	44,131	-2.2
76 West Kootenay-Boundary	44,794	-2.6
79 Yale Lillooet	37,197	-2.9
13 Columbia River-Revelstoke	33,005	-3.1
48 Prince George North	36,696	-4.5
35 North Island	53,657	-5.9
56 Skeena	32,021	-6.4
47 Prince George-Mount Robson	35,741	-7.4
42 Peace River South	28,097	-9.2
34 North Coast	27,992	-11.6

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Still married

On the whole, British Columbia is quite similar to Canada on this one—approximately 50% are married—but look around, and differences appear. Interestingly, the top and the bottom of the list (the only parts we see) are dominated by urban ridings in the Lower Mainland and Victoria. All the other ridings are closer to the average.

At the top of the list we find the places where traditional families with children are the norm. Think cul-de-sacs with street hockey and a bike or two lying in the driveway.

Step to the bottom of the list and you are more likely to find singles—either just starting out or finishing up after the departure or demise of a spouse. You'll also find childless couples, more likely to be living common-law.

The marrying kind	Legally married (and not separated)	Legally married as percent of pop 15+ years old
Canada	12,011,680	49.5
British Columbia	1,626,230	50.8
40 Okanagan-Westside	23,845	61.0
60 Surrey-Panorama Ridge	24,570	60.3
2 Abbotsford-Mount Lehman	25,275	59.3
61 Surrey-Tynehead	27,280	59.1
57 Surrey-Cloverdale	23,110	59.0
18 Delta South	21,605	58.9
21 Fort Langley-Aldergrove	26,050	58.8
59 Surrey-Newton	22,310	58.4
17 Delta North	23,795	58.3
45 Port Moody-Westwood	28,260	57.9
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67 Vancouver-Hastings	20,310	42.8
36 North Vancouver-Lonsdale	17,840	42.7
47 Prince George-Mount Robson	11,855	41.4
33 New Westminster	19,180	40.8
72 Vancouver-Point Grey	18,420	37.3
75 Victoria-Hillside	15,375	36.1
65 Vancouver-Fairview	16,175	32.8
74 Victoria-Beacon Hill	14,390	31.9
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	13,400	28.3
64 Vancouver-Burrard	15,405	25.2

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It's not so lonely

British Columbia and Canada again measure up much the same when we focus on seniors living alone. But some ridings are more than double the provincial level and some are less than half. By and large, the list-topping ridings are to be found in the Lower Mainland and in Victoria.

At the top of our list we have large concentrations of seniors in ridings more likely to have self-contained neighbourhoods with easy access to shops, services and transit. The large concentrations suggest these places are a magnet for seniors wanting to extend their years of self-reliance and independence, and their sheer numbers give them consumer and political clout.

At the bottom of the list, a different dynamic may be at play. These largely 'ethnic' ridings likely offer their seniors the comfort of a respectful place in an extended family.

Seniors living alone	Persons 65 years and over living alone	Percent of persons aged 65 and over living alone
Canada	1,040,020	28.9
British Columbia	143,395	28.5
64 Vancouver-Burrard	3,610	57.3
74 Victoria-Beacon Hill	4,685	49.7
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	3,130	47.9
65 Vancouver-Fairview	2,185	41.7
33 New Westminster	2,945	41.5
75 Victoria-Hillside	2,930	41.5
36 North Vancouver-Lonsdale	2,335	39.4
72 Vancouver-Point Grey	1,960	36.5
47 Prince George-Mount Robson	1,290	35.5
30 Nanaimo	2,515	34.5
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67 Vancouver-Hastings	1,475	20.2
59 Surrey-Newton	745	19.2
57 Surrey-Cloverdale	1,045	18.5
66 Vancouver-Fraserview	1,190	18.2
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	1,185	17.3
60 Surrey-Panorama Ridge	760	16.3
17 Delta North	655	16.2
61 Surrey-Tynehead	760	15.4
68 Vancouver-Kensington	1,045	15.4
51 Richmond East	745	13.5

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Just like home

Here on our tour of census characteristics we come across the first real difference between Canada and British Columbia. Nationally, immigrants make up 18 percent of the population. Here in British Columbia, the figure is 26 percent. Just as immigrants favour BC among Canadian destinations, they favour the Lower Mainland among British Columbia's regions. In some ridings immigrants form the majority, and their communities tend to be cohesive. That's clout.

Get out to the far-flung ridings of the province and things are dramatically different. Issues that can touch or motivate most residents in some Lower Mainland ridings will not cause a ripple up north—and vice versa.

Here by choice	Total immigrants by selected places of birth	Immigrants as a percent of population
Canada	5,448,480	18.4
British Columbia	1,009,820	26.1
50 Richmond Centre	34,205	60.7
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	31,870	59.1
66 Vancouver-Fraserview	30,360	58.2
70 Vancouver-Langara	29,780	56.7
68 Vancouver-Kensington	30,325	56.3
51 Richmond East	29,455	53.2
7 Burnaby-Willingdon	26,785	51.0
5 Burnaby-Edmonds	26,760	49.0
52 Richmond-Steveston	24,655	47.7
67 Vancouver-Hastings	26,180	46.5
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76 West Kootenay-Boundary	4,640	10.5
9 Cariboo North	3,775	10.5
55 Shuswap	4,930	10.4
13 Columbia River-Revelstoke	3,290	10.2
47 Prince George-Mount Robson	3,565	10.1
19 East Kootenay	3,585	9.4
48 Prince George North	3,195	8.8
23 Kamloops-North Thompson	4,005	8.7
42 Peace River South	2,030	7.4
41 Peace River North	2,085	6.7

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Going to town

Immigrants arriving in the five years prior to the Census were highly likely to choose "the big city" as the place to start in their adopted country. Over time, some will choose to disperse, but initially they choose to congregate in the Lower Mainland. This trend has been visible for some time, and the result has been nothing short of transforming for their chosen destinations.

It might be natural to assume that these ridings are culturally diverse as a result, but on occasion it is a single immigrant community that dominates the landscape. To explore this dimension in detail you must look to the set of Provincial Electoral District (PED) profiles found on our website. See the charts on page 3 and the table on page 7 in any riding that interests you.

www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/cen01/ ...
profiles/csd_txt.htm#PED_mark

Newest arrivals seek urban vistas	Total recent immigrants by selected places of birth	Recent (last 5 years) immigrants as a percent of population
Canada	963,320	3.3
British Columbia	191,425	4.9
50 Richmond Centre	11,195	19.9
7 Burnaby-Willingdon	10,075	19.2
70 Vancouver-Langara	8,425	16.1
5 Burnaby-Edmonds	8,235	15.1
45 Port Moody-Westwood	7,925	12.9
8 Burquitlam	6,570	12.3
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	6,520	12.1
51 Richmond East	6,630	12.0
66 Vancouver-Fraserview	6,160	11.8
52 Richmond-Steveston	5,975	11.5
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23 Kamloops-North Thompson	290	0.6
35 North Island	295	0.6
3 Alberni-Qualicum	280	0.6
16 Cowichan-Ladysmith	270	0.6
30 Nanaimo	275	0.6
22 Kamloops	255	0.5
76 West Kootenay-Boundary	215	0.5
55 Shuswap	210	0.4
47 Prince George-Mount Robson	135	0.4
48 Prince George North	135	0.4

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Big audience for some locals

Here's another divide between the Lower Mainland ridings and just about anywhere else in the province. In some urban ridings fully a third of the population may be speaking a language other than English (or French) at home. This is worth considering if you have a message to communicate.

When in my house . . .	Non-official languages are spoken at home	Percent of population with home language other than English or French
Canada	1,693,125	5.7
British Columbia	339,230	8.8
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	18,200	33.7
66 Vancouver-Fraserview	16,330	31.3
68 Vancouver-Kensington	16,830	31.3
50 Richmond Centre	17,090	30.3
70 Vancouver-Langara	15,705	29.9
67 Vancouver-Hastings	15,270	27.1
51 Richmond East	13,920	25.2
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	13,195	25.1
7 Burnaby-Willingdon	12,660	24.1
59 Surrey-Newton	11,460	22.8
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53 Saanich North and the Islands	435	0.8
19 East Kootenay	265	0.7
23 Kamloops-North Thompson	335	0.7
14 Comox Valley	375	0.7
27 Malahat-Juan de Fuca	320	0.6
13 Columbia River-Revelstoke	205	0.6
32 Nelson-Creston	240	0.5
55 Shuswap	265	0.5
46 Powell River-Sunshine Coast	235	0.5
42 Peace River South	145	0.5

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A change of face

Just as the tide of European immigration gave way to the Asian wave, so has the growth of visible minorities. Visible minorities are the majority in the top ten ridings of our list. You should note that, by definition, this does not include the Aboriginal population.

This comes as no surprise if you've been reading along. Many will be the same immigrants that we know have chosen overwhelmingly to live in the urban ridings of the Lower Mainland.

The interior ridings that make up the bottom of the list lend an astonishing truth to the term visible minority. The numbers and percentage are noticeably few.

Urban kaleidoscope	Total visible minority population	Visible minorities as a percent of population
Canada	3,983,845	13.4
British Columbia	836,440	21.6
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	40,085	74.4
68 Vancouver-Kensington	38,250	71.1
66 Vancouver-Fraserview	36,745	70.5
70 Vancouver-Langara	34,795	66.2
50 Richmond Centre	35,835	63.7
51 Richmond East	34,465	62.2
59 Surrey-Newton	27,365	54.5
67 Vancouver-Hastings	30,040	53.3
60 Surrey-Panorama Ridge	27,365	51.8
5 Burnaby-Edmonds	28,295	51.7
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19 East Kootenay	1,090	2.9
4 Bulkley Valley-Stikine	880	2.8
23 Kamloops-North Thompson	1,250	2.6
46 Powell River-Sunshine Coast	1,050	2.4
76 West Kootenay-Boundary	1,035	2.3
13 Columbia River-Revelstoke	730	2.2
42 Peace River South	560	2.0
32 Nelson-Creston	745	1.7
41 Peace River North	520	1.6
55 Shuswap	790	1.6

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Home and native land

The First Nations heritage of British Columbia is a living link to the past and a partner to honour as we head into the future.

The range of response in our top ten ridings is from 10 percent to 40 percent. These ridings comprise virtually the entire north and central mainland and the north and west of Vancouver Island.

The numbers at the bottom are small, but that does not mean that the issues affecting Aboriginals are unimportant in any riding in the province.

Here forever	Total identifying as Aboriginal	Aboriginals (identity) as a percent of population
Canada	976,310	3.3
British Columbia	170,025	4.4
34 North Coast	10,430	39.8
4 Bulkley Valley-Stikine	6,855	21.9
79 Yale-Lillooet	6,815	18.9
56 Skeena	4,520	14.4
42 Peace River South	3,930	14.1
10 Cariboo South	4,815	13.9
47 Prince George-Mount Robson	4,635	13.1
41 Peace River North	3,515	11.2
3 Alberni-Qualicum	5,285	10.7
35 North Island	5,550	10.4
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65 Vancouver-Fairview	605	1.1
54 Saanich South	535	1.1
70 Vancouver-Langara	515	1.0
72 Vancouver-Point Grey	470	0.9
52 Richmond-Steveston	435	0.8
38 Oak Bay-Gordon Head	395	0.8
51 Richmond East	390	0.7
66 Vancouver-Fraserview	355	0.7
50 Richmond Centre	355	0.6
77 West Vancouver-Capilano	195	0.4

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Dropped out

What does it take to get on board the new economy? When even the job at the mill requires operating a numerically controlled, machine it suggests the bar has been raised.

Drop out of school, and career options become very limited: picking fruit, casual on-call employment, entry-level jobs. The top ten list brings together an otherwise disparate collection of ridings that range from rugged resource-driven ridings, through agricultural urban-rural fringe ridings, and on to inner city ridings.

It is perhaps surprising that the areas on the bottom of the list are only two and three times better off than the poorest performing areas topping the list.

Skool's out	Total population 20 years and over	Percentage of population 20 years and over without high school graduation
Canada	21,857,010	27.9
British Columbia	2,890,730	24.3
79 Yale-Lillooet	26,635	37.5
2 Abbotsford-Mount Lehman	38,200	35.4
58 Surrey-Green Timbers	37,795	34.9
10 Cariboo South	25,425	34.4
34 North Coast	17,935	34.0
43 Penticton-Okanagan Valley	43,565	33.9
9 Cariboo North	25,905	33.8
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	41,150	33.8
67 Vancouver-Hastings	44,175	33.6
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	43,990	33.3
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36 North Vancouver-Lonsdale	38,620	16.3
45 Port Moody-Westwood	43,840	15.7
38 Oak Bay-Gordon Head	36,520	13.8
78 West Vancouver-Garibaldi	38,145	13.6
37 North Vancouver-Seymour	38,460	11.4
77 West Vancouver-Capilano	37,015	10.9
64 Vancouver-Burrard	58,850	10.2
73 Vancouver-Quilchena	41,050	9.2
65 Vancouver-Fairview	46,375	8.9
72 Vancouver-Point Grey	46,295	6.6

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Got my sheep skin

The generally affluent top ten list suggests that having the right credentials is a passport to the better neighbourhoods—or maybe that not having them is a formidable barrier. There is 20 percentage points of variation in the top ten. Note that all these ridings are in the urbanised south-west of the province.

The lower list is a little more varied in geography and density, but none are urban. Less than four percentage points of variation here suggest a floor share of professionals has been approached. Still, the substantial proportions throughout the list mean this is a group that should not be ignored.

Papers to prove it	Total population 20 years and over	Percent of population 20 years and over with university or college diploma or degree
Canada	21,857,010	35.8
British Columbia	2,890,730	37.6
72 Vancouver-Point Grey	46,295	69.2
65 Vancouver-Fairview	46,375	64.5
73 Vancouver-Quilchena	41,050	63.2
64 Vancouver-Burrard	58,850	59.6
77 West Vancouver-Capilano	37,015	59.0
38 Oak Bay-Gordon Head	36,520	55.0
37 North Vancouver-Seymour	38,460	53.8
78 West Vancouver-Garibaldi	38,145	49.9
74 Victoria-Beacon Hill	40,730	49.4
45 Port Moody-Westwood	43,840	47.8
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4 Bulkley Valley-Stikine	20,825	26.8
2 Abbotsford-Mount Lehman	38,200	26.6
58 Surrey-Green Timbers	37,795	26.3
34 North Coast	17,935	24.6
79 Yale-Lillooet	26,635	24.4
47 Prince George-Mount Robson	25,585	24.2
42 Peace River South	19,010	24.0
41 Peace River North	21,005	23.9
9 Cariboo North	25,905	23.3
10 Cariboo South	25,425	23.2

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Work for the man (or woman)

Most British Columbians in the workforce have an employer. For the first time, our top ten list combines ridings as diverse as Skeena/North Coast and urban/suburban tracts and they have the slimmest of differences between them.

The bottom of the list also combines strange bedfellows. Indeed, this grouping would provide a varied itinerary for an excursion around the south and central province.

The overwhelming numbers at both ends of the list mean this grouping combines just about everyone in the province.

Will work for food	Employees	Percentage of all classes of worker that are employees
Canada	13,654,450	87.7
British Columbia	1,715,600	85.2
58 Surrey-Green Timbers	24,370	91.5
44 Port Coquitlam-Burke Mountain	27,530	90.4
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	24,110	90.2
33 New Westminster	26,755	90.2
68 Vancouver-Kensington	24,530	90.1
56 Skeena	14,410	90.0
62 Surrey-Whalley	21,820	89.9
59 Surrey-Newton	23,025	89.6
66 Vancouver-Fraserview	22,285	89.5
34 North Coast	12,275	89.4
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14 Comox Valley	21,635	80.9
10 Cariboo South	14,200	80.6
43 Penticton-Okanagan Valley	19,610	80.3
46 Powell River-Sunshine Coast	16,305	78.2
32 Nelson-Creston	16,820	78.2
55 Shuswap	17,805	77.9
78 West Vancouver-Garibaldi	22,785	77.3
53 Saanich North and the Islands	19,865	77.3
73 Vancouver-Quilchena	20,205	75.7
77 West Vancouver-Capilano	18,210	75.4

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I'm self-employed

Essentially this is the flip side of the above. The top ten districts have respectable numbers in the 'self-employed constituency' and the ratios are two to three times what shows up at the bottom of the list.

My own boss	Self-employed	Percentage of all classes of worker that are self-employed
Canada	1,861,195	11.9
British Columbia	291,455	14.5
77 West Vancouver-Capilano	5,950	24.6
73 Vancouver-Quilchena	6,395	24.0
53 Saanich North and the Islands	5,795	22.5
78 West Vancouver-Garibaldi	6,525	22.1
46 Powell River-Sunshine Coast	4,450	21.4
32 Nelson-Creston	4,555	21.2
55 Shuswap	4,795	21.0
43 Penticton-Okanagan Valley	4,690	19.2
14 Comox Valley	5,005	18.7
10 Cariboo South	3,240	18.4
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7 Burnaby-Willingdon	2,725	10.5
34 North Coast	1,420	10.3
62 Surrey-Whalley	2,395	9.9
59 Surrey-Newton	2,530	9.9
56 Skeena	1,565	9.8
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	2,585	9.7
68 Vancouver-Kensington	2,590	9.5
44 Port Coquitlam-Burke Mountain	2,885	9.5
33 New Westminster	2,740	9.2
58 Surrey-Green Timbers	2,240	8.4

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Driven to work

For most people and for most places in the province, taking the bus is just not an option. They get to work in a vehicle as the driver or as a passenger.

The numbers column in the table is the pool of workers who answered the question. Only the portion represented in the percentage column actually drive. The differences, top to bottom, are not that great compared with other distributions we've visited. Still there are differences top and bottom. There is a noticeable urban/rural split.

Fill 'er up!	Total employed labour force 15 years and over by mode of transportation	Percentage of workers using car, truck or van to get to work
Canada	13,450,855	80.7
British Columbia	1,700,350	82.1
2 Abbotsford-Mount Lehman	22,880	94.1
21 Fort Langley-Aldergrove	25,965	93.4
11 Chilliwack-Kent	18,015	92.9
26 Langley	25,000	92.8
49 Prince George-Omineca	18,120	92.5
48 Prince George North	17,630	92.3
28 Maple Ridge-Mission	24,530	92.2
12 Chilliwack-Sumas	19,220	92.0
57 Surrey-Cloverdale	22,065	92.0
9 Cariboo North	15,555	91.8
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36 North Vancouver-Lonsdale	24,920	70.5
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	24,020	69.5
67 Vancouver-Hastings	25,770	68.0
7 Burnaby-Willingdon	22,380	67.1
75 Victoria-Hillside	23,115	65.9
72 Vancouver-Point Grey	29,690	64.6
65 Vancouver-Fairview	30,420	58.9
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	22,420	51.6
74 Victoria-Beacon Hill	22,695	51.0
64 Vancouver-Burrard	35,590	40.2

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Exact fare only

Bear in mind that again the numbers column in the table is the pool of workers and not just the transit riders.

Our top ten regions have percentages two to more than three times the provincial average, and looking closely, they are not just the bottom ten from the list above. The two Victoria ridings have been removed as they go completely green and bike or walk to work. What's left in the top ten are areas serviced to a large extent by Sky Train.

The miniscule percentages at the bottom of our list really speak to the challenges of providing service when densities, absolute numbers and climate conspire against it.

Going green	Total employed labour force 15 years and over by mode of transportation	Percentage of workers using public transit to get to work
Canada	13,450,855	10.5
British Columbia	1,700,350	7.5
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	24,020	26.4
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	22,420	24.9
7 Burnaby-Willingdon	22,380	24.1
67 Vancouver-Hastings	25,770	19.9
33 New Westminster	26,235	19.8
68 Vancouver-Kensington	24,075	19.6
5 Burnaby-Edmonds	23,590	18.8
70 Vancouver-Langara	21,015	16.5
36 North Vancouver-Lonsdale	24,920	16.0
65 Vancouver-Fairview	30,420	15.5
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39 Okanagan-Vernon	22,160	0.7
14 Comox Valley	21,620	0.6
55 Shuswap	17,490	0.6
42 Peace River South	11,865	0.6
9 Cariboo North	15,555	0.5
16 Cowichan-Ladysmith	19,345	0.5
10 Cariboo South	13,275	0.5
4 Bulkley Valley-Stikine	12,330	0.4
79 Yale-Lillooet	13,190	0.3
13 Columbia River-Revelstoke	15,090	0.1

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I'm entitled

Government transfer payments include: Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, CPP/QPP, Employment Insurance benefits, Canada Child Tax benefits and an assortment of other income from government sources. Note that retirement pensions are not included here.

We have an eclectic mix of ridings top and bottom in our list. There is not a strong geographic divide on this one. Still, there is a broad range of response with three and four times the rate in our top ten.

A government cheque	Percent of income derived from government transfer payments
Canada	11.6
British Columbia	11.8
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	24.3
43 Penticton-Okanagan Valley	23.8
79 Yale-Lillooet	21.9
55 Shuswap	20.1
30 Nanaimo	19.6
39 Okanagan-Vernon	19.3
32 Nelson-Creston	18.9
3 Alberni-Qualicum	18.2
16 Cowichan-Ladysmith	17.9
25 Kelowna-Mission	17.4
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44 Port Coquitlam-Burke Mountain	8.5
48 Prince George North	8.4
41 Peace River North	8.0
64 Vancouver-Burrard	8.0
45 Port Moody-Westwood	7.3
37 North Vancouver-Seymour	6.8
73 Vancouver-Quilchena	6.4
78 West Vancouver-Garibaldi	6.4
65 Vancouver-Fairview	6.0
72 Vancouver-Point Grey	5.5

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Where does it all go?

Household income can be used to distinguish the poorest from the most exclusive neighbourhoods. To really delve in here, you need more information. The table to the right looks at average household income. Placement derives from both the numerator, total household income, and the denominator, number of households. Areas that have families with multiple income earners tend to rank higher than regions where singles or single income families have more presence.

Relegation to the bottom of the list can denote straitened circumstances (usually in urban environments) with pockets of singles, pensioners and the like, or rural economies that are less attached to consumerism.

Ours to spend	Average household income in 2000
Canada	$ 58,360
British Columbia	$ 57,593
73 Vancouver-Quilchena	$ 108,907
78 West Vancouver-Garibaldi	$ 100,273
77 West Vancouver-Capilano	$ 93,634
37 North Vancouver-Seymour	$ 83,510
57 Surrey-Cloverdale	$ 77,559
18 Delta South	$ 76,767
72 Vancouver-Point Grey	$ 75,017
17 Delta North	$ 72,982
61 Surrey-Tynehead	$ 71,675
21 Fort Langley-Aldergrove	$ 70,886
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47 Prince George-Mount Robson	$ 48,503
39 Okanagan-Vernon	$ 48,371
55 Shuswap	$ 46,123
79 Yale-Lillooet	$ 44,898
75 Victoria-Hillside	$ 44,319
74 Victoria-Beacon Hill	$ 43,818
43 Penticton-Okanagan Valley	$ 43,739
32 Nelson-Creston	$ 43,454
30 Nanaimo	$ 41,728
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	$ 31,976

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Poverty it's not

Measures of low income, known as low income cut-offs (LICOs), have been with us since the 1960s. For various family sizes the average amount that Canadians spend on food, shelter and clothing is determined, and families spending 20 percent more than this amount on these items are arbitrarily defined to be in 'straitened' circumstances.

Our list topper is in a league of its own. Vancouver-Mount Pleasant includes the notorious downtown eastside that is plagued with IV drug use and the social ills that spawn from this tragedy. The remainder of our list toppers are all within a couple of points of each other. Every riding here is in the Lower Mainland.

The bottom of the list is far more eclectic and the absence of some fancy neighbourhoods speaks to the inadequacy of the LICO measure.

Getting by	Total - Population in private households	Incidence of low income in 2000 %
Canada	29,105,705	16.2
British Columbia	3,785,270	17.8
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	51,930	46.6
7 Burnaby-Willingdon	52,185	29.6
64 Vancouver-Burrard	62,300	29.3
70 Vancouver-Langara	52,495	29.3
67 Vancouver-Hastings	56,225	29.0
50 Richmond Centre	55,925	28.6
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	53,805	27.9
62 Surrey-Whalley	47,830	27.5
5 Burnaby-Edmonds	54,420	27.3
68 Vancouver-Kensington	53,490	27.0
. . .	. . .	. . .
41 Peace River North	29,750	10.6
57 Surrey-Cloverdale	48,730	10.0
40 Okanagan-Westside	40,765	9.8
54 Saanich South	48,740	9.4
18 Delta South	44,060	9.1
78 West Vancouver-Garibaldi	48,555	9.1
49 Prince George-Omineca	35,320	9.0
63 Surrey-White Rock	51,025	9.0
53 Saanich North and the Islands	49,045	8.3
21 Fort Langley-Aldergrove	55,120	7.9

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Caught in the squeeze

It is interesting to look back and forth at this table on renters, and the one following, which has owner-occupiers as its focus. The squeeze on renters comes from them not being in a position to benefit from low interest rates—unless they took the risk and jumped into the hot housing market.

The range of responses is not that great from top to bottom but this one can put a real clamp on lifestyle. Tighten a little and it hurts a lot. Remember, we also have to pay taxes and purchase food and clothing. Sometimes the money runs out first. That would suggest some ridings have widespread sensitivity to this issue as we move up the scale.

The groups at the top and bottom of the list are unlike anything we've seen before. Note that the average rent appears not to be a factor, as the range of rents in the top list is not dissimilar to that in the bottom list.

What's for dinner?	Average gross rent $	Percentage of tenant households spending 30% or more of hh income on gross rent
Canada	648	39.6
British Columbia	750	44.1
11 Chilliwack-Kent	630	56.7
30 Nanaimo	586	55.0
22 Kamloops	627	54.5
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	552	53.1
77 West Vancouver-Capilano	1,053	51.0
16 Cowichan-Ladysmith	591	50.0
55 Shuswap	576	49.6
39 Okanagan-Vernon	635	49.5
62 Surrey-Whalley	748	49.4
43 Penticton-Okanagan Valley	631	49.1
. . .	. . .	. . .
42 Peace River South	538	37.1
17 Delta North	742	36.9
59 Surrey-Newton	728	36.2
45 Port Moody-Westwood	868	36.1
65 Vancouver-Fairview	872	35.1
18 Delta South	743	34.9
54 Saanich South	770	34.8
49 Prince George-Omineca	578	33.2
4 Bulkley Valley-Stikine	522	31.6
41 Peace River North	663	29.3

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I can afford this

There are major differences between the owners and renters. First look at the range of percentages. There is a three times difference for owners, and only two for renters, but the percentages caught in a bind are lower for owners—much lower.

Our list toppers are now all in the Lower Mainland, and, unlike renters, it appears their payment levels have much to do with their positioning.

The lower part of our list is far more widely spread around the province. Placement here can arise from, in some areas, the house value/mortgage being well below the provincial average. However, the placement of Oak Bay-Gordon Head down here reminds us of another difference between owners and renters. Renting is for life, while at some point owners get to burn their mortgage. That is if you can make all the payments. Look again at the top of our list. These are all areas that have experienced hot markets. They have lots of new owners who may have "maxed out" at historically low interest rates.

At least I own it	Average owner's major payments $	Percentage of owner households spending 30%+ of hh income on owner's major pmts.
Canada	835	16.0
British Columbia	904	20.7
64 Vancouver-Burrard	1,034	33.2
59 Surrey-Newton	1,165	31.1
58 Surrey-Green Timbers	1,046	29.7
50 Richmond Centre	897	29.4
62 Surrey-Whalley	1,046	29.0
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	871	28.9
51 Richmond East	1,018	28.9
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	914	28.3
60 Surrey-Panorama Ridge	1,211	27.7
45 Port Moody-Westwood	1,166	27.5
. . .	. . .	. . .
38 Oak Bay-Gordon Head	886	14.8
42 Peace River South	686	14.7
9 Cariboo North	710	14.5
76 West Kootenay-Boundary	617	13.7
4 Bulkley Valley-Stikine	731	13.7
48 Prince George North	890	13.6
49 Prince George-Omineca	856	13.5
19 East Kootenay	699	13.1
41 Peace River North	832	12.8
56 Skeena	743	11.7

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Pride of ownership

Owning your own home is a near universal dream, and if you live in the heart of the Lower Mainland it is more likely to be just that—a dream. How much more likely? Up to four times.

All but two ridings in the bottom of our list, reporting the lowest levels of own-home occupancy, are in the Lower Mainland. The only Lower Mainland ridings making it to the top of our list are suburban.

Also noticeable about the lower list is the wide range here—more than double. The two bottom regions should be especially sensitive to issues that galvanize renters.

What's mine is mine	Total number of occupied private dwellings	Percentage of owner-occupied private dwellings
Canada	11,562,975	65.8
British Columbia	1,534,335	66.3
40 Okanagan-Westside	18,690	85.1
21 Fort Langley-Aldergrove	19,415	83.8
57 Surrey-Cloverdale	17,010	83.6
61 Surrey-Tynehead	18,250	82.1
23 Kamloops-North Thompson	18,680	81.9
27 Malahat-Juan de Fuca	19,175	81.9
53 Saanich North and the Islands	22,345	81.1
17 Delta North	15,970	80.7
54 Saanich South	18,920	79.7
28 Maple Ridge-Mission	19,390	79.6
. . .	. . .	. . .
7 Burnaby-Willingdon	22,195	50.9
75 Victoria-Hillside	23,170	49.8
67 Vancouver-Hastings	21,525	49.3
36 North Vancouver-Lonsdale	22,580	49.2
33 New Westminster	25,600	47.7
72 Vancouver-Point Grey	27,445	44.6
74 Victoria-Beacon Hill	26,950	37.4
65 Vancouver-Fairview	29,010	36.6
64 Vancouver-Burrard	40,720	24.5
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	28,350	22.7

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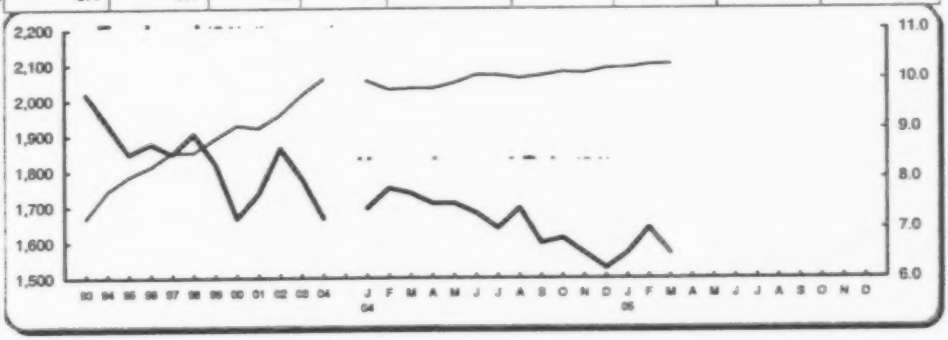
Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted
Ave: average
bd ft: board feet
C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen
Can: Canada, Canadian
GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9
m3: cubic metres
mil: million
MLS: Multiple Listing Service
Moly: molybdenum
mth: month (as in: previous mth)
NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System
SA: seasonally adjusted
T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange
US: United States of America
WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Labour Force Activity: Labour Force	Labour Force Activity: Employed	Labour Force Activity: Unemployment Rate	Labour Force Activity: Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Earnings: Wages and Salaries	Earnings: Average Weekly Wage Rate	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: Number of Beneficiaries	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: $
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA		Unadjusted	
2001	2,082.3	1,922.1	7.7	64.0	32.2	61,495.9	648.13	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,143.8	1,960.1	8.6	65.0	32.0	63,192.7	668.15	817,850	1,073,203.5
2003	2,190.5	2,014.2	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,066.0	683.82	813,520	1,059,531.1
2004	2,219.2	2,059.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	67,850.1	686.61	737,780	960,359.7
Jan-03	2,153.1	1,981.9	8.0	64.8	32.3	5,411.4	682.07	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,169.1	1,994.0	8.1	65.3	32.7	5,399.8	681.94	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,181.1	2,013.2	7.7	65.6	32.8	5,386.8	681.83	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,183.5	2,008.8	8.0	65.5	28.9	5,398.7	679.75	71,440	86,968.3
May-03	2,183.0	1,998.9	8.4	65.5	33.2	5,388.5	684.26	66,040	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,175.2	1,999.8	8.1	65.2	33.6	5,387.9	686.74	60,670	89,008.4
Jul-03	2,196.6	2,009.1	8.5	65.7	31.6	5,413.8	685.72	64,540	75,483.9
Aug-03	2,193.9	2,011.8	8.3	65.6	30.5	5,416.2	687.79	67,120	83,006.1
Sep-03	2,209.6	2,013.3	8.9	65.9	33.3	5,459.1	690.66	54,170	87,528.0
Oct-03	2,213.8	2,041.4	7.8	66.0	29.7	5,464.1	683.81	58,550	66,990.2
Nov-03	2,209.2	2,037.7	7.8	65.8	29.6	5,447.9	682.56	65,750	86,669.7
Dec-03	2,215.0	2,057.1	7.1	65.9	32.9	5,491.9	678.48	73,050	92,179.5
Jan-04	2,220.2	2,054.9	7.4	66.0	32.4	5,531.7	678.67	81,270	102,257.2
Feb-04	2,202.0	2,030.1	7.8	65.4	33.4	5,572.6	685.65	76,980	109,369.0
Mar-04	2,203.6	2,033.5	7.7	65.3	31.5	5,596.4	677.70	72,950	94,275.5
Apr-04	2,199.1	2,033.2	7.5	65.1	31.1	5,624.1	676.04	65,970	79,729.2
May-04	2,214.6	2,048.3	7.5	65.5	33.4	5,624.9	673.81	59,490	87,371.7
Jun-04	2,234.1	2,071.1	7.3	66.0	33.9	5,658.2	678.14	52,460	65,468.6
Jul-04	2,226.3	2,070.3	7.0	65.6	32.1	5,665.5	680.96	52,750	61,242.0
Aug-04	2,227.6	2,062.1	7.4	65.6	31.0	5,680.4	688.27	58,430	85,782.8
Sep-04	2,218.7	2,069.5	6.7	65.2	34.1	5,690.7	697.88	46,790	61,903.3
Oct-04	2,231.2	2,079.4	6.8	65.5	30.2	5,707.5	704.09	49,490	62,134.7
Nov-04	2,220.9	2,076.8	6.5	65.1	30.6	5,714.7	700.51	57,360	73,706.0
Dec-04	2,228.2	2,089.5	6.2	65.3	33.7	5,783.4	696.56	63,840	77,119.8
Jan-05	2,236.9	2,091.7	6.5	65.4	32.9	-	708.09	72,880	105,871.9
Feb-05	2,258.1	2,099.8	7.0	66.0	33.9	-	704.90	67,780	84,184.6
Mar-05	2,248.2	2,101.0	6.5	65.6	33.8	-	698.01	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,247.7	a 2,097.5	a 6.7	a 65.7	a 33.5	t 67,850.1	a 703.67	a 70,330	t 190.1
% change	1.8	2.8	n/a	n/a	3.4	4.3	3.4	-11.1	-10.2
Last 12 months	2,228.7	2,074.4	6.9	65.5	32.6	67,850.1	692.27	60,016	938,790.1
Previous 12	2,200.5	2,024.7	8.0	65.7	31.7	65,066.0	683.48	67,813	1,067,857.4
% change	1.3	2.5	n/a	n/a	2.7	4.3	1.3	-11.5	-12.1
% ch year ago	2.0	3.3	n/a	n/a	7.3	5.3	3.6	-12.0	-23.0
% ch prev mnth	-0.4	0.1	n/a	n/a	-0.3	1.2	-1.0	-7.0	-20.5



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

Period	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2001	383.9	25.8	25.1	4.8	11.4	10.9	110.8	22.1	48.8	15.0	195.1
2002	392.3	29.6	25.4	3.1	9.2	11.3	117.4	23.6	43.8	17.0	196.4
2003	411.7	32.3	27.5	4.5	13.2	11.1	117.4	27.0	49.0	14.4	205.7
2004	431.0	36.7	21.4	2.9	11.0	9.0	141.7	25.3	46.5	11.9	208.4
Jan-03	404.6	31.6	27.8	5.2	7.4	11.3	115.1	24.6	45.5	17.9	202.6
Feb-03	409.7	33.1	27.7	3.7	11.5	12.0	115.8	25.5	50.1	15.4	204.1
Mar-03	424.4	34.7	27.2	3.8	14.7	12.6	121.5	22.2	51.4	15.5	208.2
Apr-03	408.9	32.4	26.0	1.9	13.8	11.6	110.3	24.0	50.3	14.6	206.8
May-03	413.9	31.9	26.2	2.4	18.0	11.3	113.9	24.5	53.4	14.7	208.6
Jun-03	411.3	30.5	28.6	4.5	14.5	11.1	116.3	25.3	51.8	17.0	206.3
Jul-03	412.4	31.2	32.9	4.2	15.7	10.6	117.7	26.5	50.2	16.1	205.4
Aug-03	408.0	32.2	27.7	6.2	11.3	10.8	117.1	28.9	46.5	15.2	206.3
Sep-03	407.6	31.4	25.9	5.6	12.7	10.8	116.9	27.6	43.9	12.7	203.8
Oct-03	415.6	31.9	28.1	6.5	15.1	10.9	119.8	32.3	48.5	12.9	206.3
Nov-03	413.8	35.1	25.4	6.3	10.5	10.8	121.3	30.8	50.2	11.4	204.5
Dec-03	411.3	32.8	23.3	3.8	12.7	9.4	122.4	31.8	46.5	9.5	206.1
Jan-04	425.2	35.6	18.5	5.0	10.8	9.2	131.8	36.3	47.2	10.5	211.3
Feb-04	419.6	36.5	21.5	3.2	11.1	8.3	126.4	27.6	47.7	10.9	211.0
Mar-04	415.6	35.3	20.6	3.0	8.9	9.4	131.2	24.3	54.0	9.4	205.9
Apr-04	422.7	37.0	18.2	2.7	8.4	10.0	134.6	23.7	49.6	10.3	207.5
May-04	423.0	39.3	19.2	3.5	10.2	10.4	134.0	22.6	46.9	14.2	205.3
Jun-04	433.2	39.3	24.7	2.9	10.1	10.4	141.1	21.7	45.9	14.5	205.2
Jul-04	431.5	37.1	27.2	2.5	9.8	9.1	140.5	18.5	49.6	13.4	209.5
Aug-04	433.3	36.1	22.9	3.6	10.5	10.1	143.2	22.1	44.9	11.8	209.6
Sep-04	432.7	33.3	22.1	2.5	11.0	8.5	148.3	22.2	44.3	11.3	208.9
Oct-04	442.6	37.4	21.6	2.4	13.0	8.0	153.7	26.8	42.3	12.7	208.7
Nov-04	443.8	35.4	20.3	1.6	13.3	7.1	155.6	29.3	42.2	11.2	210.5
Dec-04	448.1	38.8	20.0	2.6	14.9	7.5	156.8	28.4	43.3	13.2	208.2
Jan-05	460.4	40.6	19.2	-	13.8	8.0	166.2	33.0	39.2	12.5	208.8
Feb-05	463.1	41.8	22.1	1.6	12.6	9.3	168.9	33.2	42.7	12.5	205.6
Mar-05	454.0	41.3	19.4	-	14.5	10.1	168.2	30.2	43.6	12.9	198.5
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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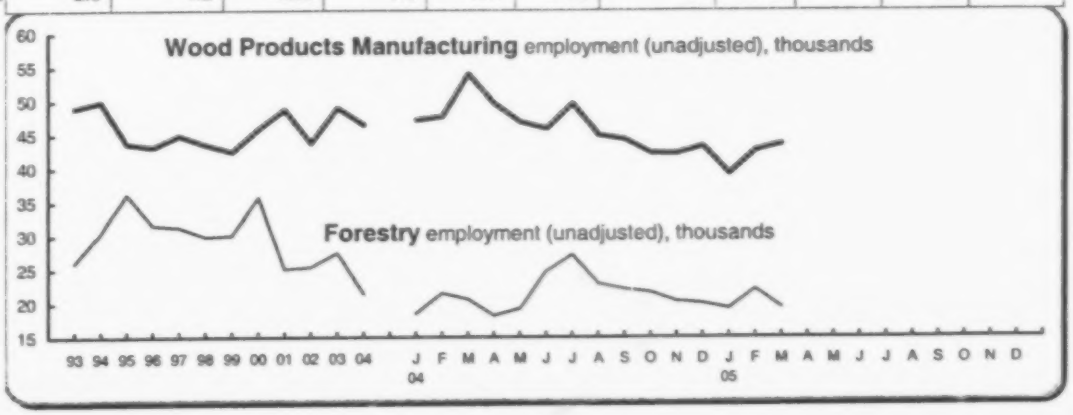
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 459.2	a 41.2	a 20.2	a 0.8	a 13.6	a 9.1	a 167.8	a 32.1	a 41.8	a 12.6	a 204.3
% change	9.3	15.2	0.2	-80.5	32.8	1.9	29.3	9.3	-15.7	23.1	-2.4
Last 12 months	440.7	38.1	21.4	2.4	11.8	9.0	150.9	26.0	44.5	12.5	207.2
Previous 12	413.6	33.1	25.6	4.5	12.9	10.4	120.4	28.3	49.2	12.9	206.9
% change	6.6	15.3	-16.5	-45.9	-8.4	-12.6	25.3	-8.3	-9.4	-2.8	0.2
% ch. year ago	9.2	17.0	-5.8	-50.0	62.9	7.4	28.2	24.3	-19.3	37.2	-3.6
% ch prev mnth	-2.0	-1.2	-12.2	0.0	15.1	8.6	-0.4	-9.0	2.1	3.2	-3.5



3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2001	1,538.2	304.0	112.6	122.1	138.6	138.4	197.9	105.3	164.2	88.0
2002	1,567.9	323.4	112.2	125.7	134.5	137.5	211.6	105.8	162.4	87.8
2003	1,602.5	329.5	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.4	213.5	107.1	161.9	94.1
2004	1,628.7	320.6	117.7	131.5	145.2	135.1	219.5	111.4	174.8	97.9
Jan-03	1,577.3	338.8	117.3	128.7	130.5	142.9	206.0	101.2	157.3	89.0
Feb-03	1,584.3	333.3	117.8	128.8	130.5	144.5	213.5	100.5	156.4	93.2
Mar-03	1,588.8	328.3	120.4	128.1	134.4	146.9	211.6	101.3	159.7	88.4
Apr-03	1,600.0	332.1	120.6	129.9	134.0	141.8	215.4	106.6	157.3	89.1
May-03	1,585.0	325.3	120.9	122.9	131.9	141.1	215.1	110.1	156.6	90.3
Jun-03	1,588.5	326.0	115.9	126.8	134.2	137.0	216.9	107.5	159.5	94.4
Jul-03	1,596.7	324.5	113.8	124.4	141.4	140.3	214.1	109.3	160.8	97.8
Aug-03	1,603.8	325.4	119.1	122.9	145.3	140.3	210.3	107.4	165.3	94.1
Sep-03	1,605.7	331.4	114.4	123.9	143.7	131.9	211.2	112.2	167.5	96.0
Oct-03	1,625.9	330.9	117.4	125.4	145.0	140.8	213.6	108.9	166.6	99.6
Nov-03	1,623.9	328.3	119.9	127.2	143.2	136.9	214.5	108.1	166.5	98.4
Dec-03	1,645.8	328.5	123.5	126.4	143.8	139.3	220.0	110.7	169.3	97.4
Jan-04	1,629.8	339.6	119.7	128.2	140.8	138.7	215.6	109.1	163.6	95.9
Feb-04	1,610.6	325.5	116.3	124.4	138.5	137.3	212.5	111.7	168.3	98.6
Mar-04	1,617.9	331.2	112.9	129.8	141.5	132.4	220.7	108.3	168.3	100.1
Apr-04	1,610.4	320.0	117.0	131.7	142.4	132.4	218.6	105.4	173.3	98.3
May-04	1,625.3	322.8	117.9	131.8	144.8	136.9	217.2	104.7	170.7	98.9
Jun-04	1,637.9	321.3	123.1	129.9	143.0	137.0	224.4	112.3	176.5	97.9
Jul-04	1,638.9	324.6	124.4	127.9	141.5	134.9	221.6	113.0	177.7	97.6
Aug-04	1,628.8	316.4	118.3	138.5	143.0	128.1	218.5	116.6	177.0	99.0
Sep-04	1,636.7	314.2	118.0	132.3	142.2	138.6	226.3	115.1	178.2	98.8
Oct-04	1,636.8	311.4	118.3	134.3	152.0	135.0	217.7	115.7	179.4	97.3
Nov-04	1,633.0	310.3	113.3	133.1	158.5	136.2	218.4	111.4	181.6	96.0
Dec-04	1,641.3	311.9	113.0	136.1	154.3	133.2	222.7	112.8	182.7	96.7
Jan-05	1,631.2	318.8	115.0	131.0	154.8	134.1	215.6	109.5	178.4	95.0
Feb-05	1,636.8	322.4	114.5	133.2	160.1	138.5	216.3	105.3	166.0	95.6
Mar-05	1,647.0	327.6	114.9	139.9	161.9	138.7	212.6	98.6	166.9	96.6
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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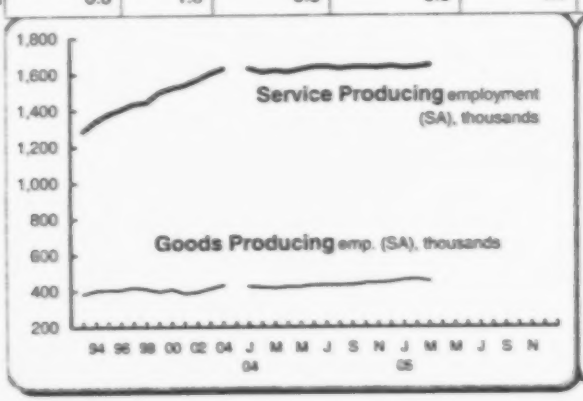
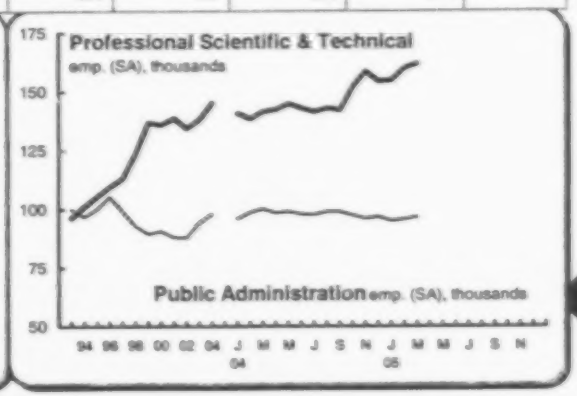
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,638.3	a 322.9	a 114.8	a 134.7	a 158.9	a 137.1	a 214.8	a 104.5	a 170.4	a 95.7
% change	1.2	-2.8	-1.3	5.7	13.3	0.7	-0.7	-4.8	2.2	-2.5
Last 12 months	1,633.7	318.5	117.3	133.3	149.9	135.3	219.2	110.0	175.7	97.3
Previous 12	1,611.1	329.1	117.9	126.0	140.3	138.2	215.0	109.2	164.1	96.0
% change	1.4	-3.2	-0.5	5.8	6.8	-2.1	1.9	0.8	7.0	1.4
% ch. year ago	1.8	-1.1	1.8	7.8	14.4	4.8	-3.7	-9.0	-0.8	-3.5
% ch. prev mnth	0.6	1.6	0.3	5.0	1.1	0.1	-1.7	-6.4	0.5	1.0





4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

	Business			Consumer					
			Bankruptcies Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada			Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Business Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2001	35,884.7	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	40,718.9	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	38,467.9	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	43,265.0	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
2003	39,910.7	23,243	1,002	9,385	120.4	44,421.0	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
2004	43,856.9	25,428	-	8,378	122.8	47,216.6	2,750.8	181,606	5,898,285
Jan-03	3,478.7	2,122	202	731	119.0	3,695.4	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	3,450.7	1,804	186	857	119.6	3,733.6	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	3,403.0	1,952	206	879	120.6	3,600.8	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	3,264.9	1,844	184	862	120.4	3,635.9	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	3,242.6	1,747	136	761	120.4	3,648.3	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	3,196.9	2,047	186	840	120.2	3,659.9	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	3,229.5	1,837	162	821	120.5	3,688.7	197.8	16,982	546,553
Aug-03	3,193.2	1,818	122	684	120.9	3,809.1	214.1	15,961	516,156
Sep-03	3,306.8	2,056	174	767	121.2	3,726.9	197.6	14,310	482,072
Oct-03	3,320.3	2,023	150	827	120.6	3,711.1	211.5	13,784	455,682
Nov-03	3,390.7	2,050	146	709	120.8	3,747.4	253.9	14,389	460,714
Dec-03	3,433.3	1,943	150	655	120.9	3,764.0	370.8	14,242	471,844
Jan-04	3,396.3	2,115	79	665	120.8	3,780.9	162.3	10,894	353,088
Feb-04	3,391.6	2,015	71	757	121.3	3,790.0	168.7	11,896	385,560
Mar-04	3,496.5	2,045	89	877	121.6	3,895.5	191.2	16,155	520,855
Apr-04	3,624.4	2,109	94	730	122.4	3,901.9	213.5	16,582	537,134
May-04	3,625.7	2,156	73	692	123.4	3,917.2	220.2	18,600	589,843
Jun-04	3,658.3	2,337	75	832	123.6	3,943.1	223.2	18,040	595,439
Jul-04	3,794.5	2,075	68	618	123.4	3,986.5	228.5	16,246	524,992
Aug-04	3,804.1	2,031	74	610	123.3	3,972.2	227.6	15,073	485,016
Sep-04	3,747.8	2,022	57	681	123.5	3,997.9	224.6	14,388	468,677
Oct-04	3,825.7	2,015	79	684	123.5	4,029.0	235.7	14,063	461,510
Nov-04	3,724.6	2,109	81	643	123.7	4,008.3	259.9	14,294	471,182
Dec-04	3,767.4	2,399	81	597	123.5	3,994.2	395.4	15,375	504,989
Jan-05	3,674.2	2,141	52	665	123.6	3,988.6	179.1	10,199	327,696
Feb-05	3,806.6	2,223	70	798	123.8	4,104.2	176.7	12,920	429,222
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	124.1	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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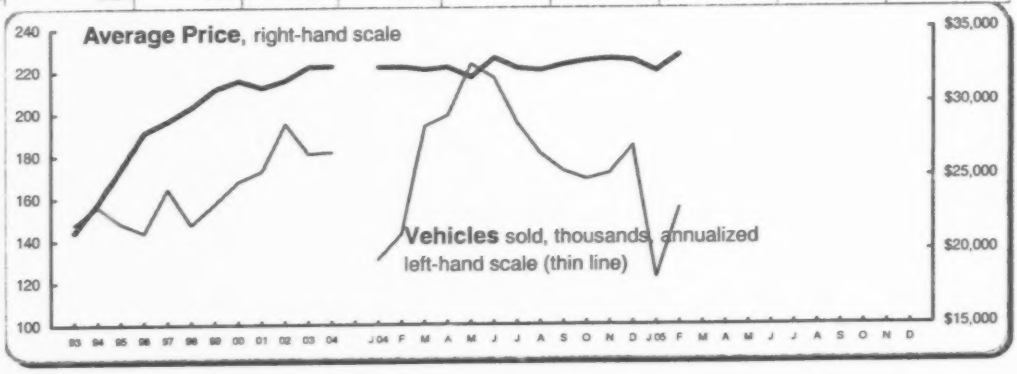
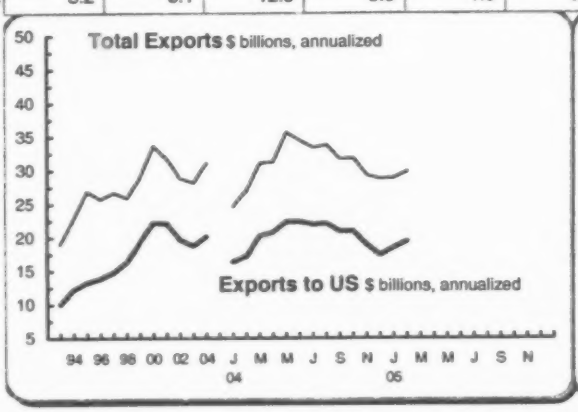
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 7,480.8	t 4,364	t 122	t 1,463	a 123.8	t 8,092.7	t 355.8	t 23,119	t 756,918
% change	10.2	5.7	-18.7	2.9	2.1	6.9	7.5	1.4	2.5
Last 12 months	44,549.8	25,662	893	8,427	123.5	47,738.5	2,775.6	181,935	5,916,555
Previous 12	39,769.2	23,447	958	9,227	120.8	44,562.9	2,548.7	177,150	5,759,703
% change	12.0	9.4	-6.8	-8.7	2.2	7.1	8.9	2.7	2.7
% ch. year ago	12.2	10.3	-1.4	5.4	2.1	8.3	4.8	8.6	11.3
% ch prev mnth	3.6	3.8	34.6	20.0	0.2	2.9	-1.3	26.7	31.0

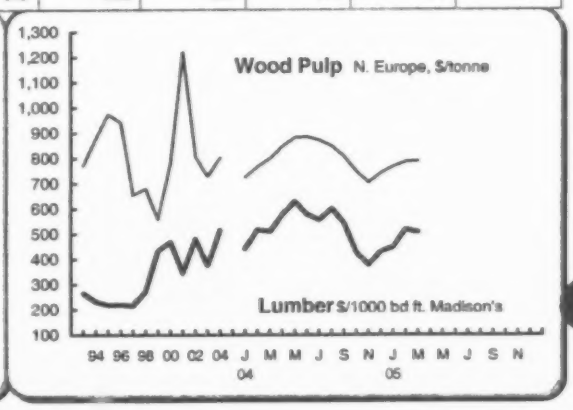


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to SC by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
2001	31,679.7	22,104.4	4,066.1	31,640.7	344.86	1,218.08	1.11	419.83	6.79	7.45	40.08
2002	28,828.4	19,665.8	3,858.5	31,533.2	480.11	804.60	1.11	486.82	7.23	6.77	40.95
2003	28,191.7	18,792.3	3,649.4	31,263.0	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
2004	31,074.6	20,151.6	3,800.5	32,868.1	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
Jan-03	2,359.4	1,561.5	308.4	2,405.5	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	50.76
Feb-03	2,307.3	1,505.3	302.4	2,454.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	54.25
Mar-03	2,626.8	1,773.7	321.1	2,908.9	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	49.52
Apr-03	2,438.3	1,585.4	346.3	2,843.3	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	41.20
May-03	2,335.0	1,562.6	333.6	2,668.4	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	38.96
Jun-03	2,270.8	1,547.4	282.2	2,669.8	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	41.54
Jul-03	2,383.6	1,649.3	310.8	2,527.1	380.61	725.92	1.08	483.25	6.59	0.51	42.50
Aug-03	2,412.8	1,644.6	287.8	2,392.2	437.68	713.99	1.12	502.11	6.98	0.52	44.09
Sep-03	2,395.2	1,623.5	318.0	2,682.3	490.22	706.94	1.10	516.59	7.05	0.50	38.57
Oct-03	2,285.6	1,537.1	276.5	2,839.9	391.27	708.01	1.15	500.75	6.57	0.54	40.09
Nov-03	2,127.0	1,387.9	261.4	2,461.6	397.71	723.23	1.22	511.60	6.80	0.54	40.81
Dec-03	2,249.9	1,414.0	300.9	2,409.4	397.79	733.87	1.31	534.94	7.38	0.58	42.21
Jan-04	2,052.5	1,367.6	247.6	2,149.3	441.93	725.75	1.43	536.18	8.18	0.60	44.41
Feb-04	2,250.5	1,434.6	283.6	2,440.4	515.64	765.48	1.66	538.07	8.56	0.65	46.17
Mar-04	2,591.8	1,689.9	322.3	3,025.7	508.76	798.34	1.81	540.20	9.60	0.66	48.83
Apr-04	2,608.8	1,734.8	279.7	2,683.1	574.57	845.74	1.79	541.36	9.48	0.63	49.25
May-04	2,970.4	1,863.7	390.2	2,946.1	628.52	882.13	1.61	528.97	8.06	0.61	55.52
Jun-04	2,872.1	1,865.5	383.0	2,865.4	577.01	883.84	1.66	532.62	7.96	0.62	51.62
Jul-04	2,783.9	1,830.1	340.5	2,802.3	555.22	871.16	1.69	526.25	8.34	0.59	53.79
Aug-04	2,814.0	1,841.7	349.5	2,828.9	599.48	847.40	1.69	525.31	8.74	0.58	58.95
Sep-04	2,642.7	1,749.4	328.3	2,876.5	543.45	807.45	1.69	521.92	8.24	0.57	59.17
Oct-04	2,652.4	1,746.9	288.0	2,863.8	425.21	745.67	1.70	524.29	8.85	0.60	66.25
Nov-04	2,438.8	1,579.3	274.6	2,874.9	376.76	703.29	1.67	525.54	8.95	0.60	57.96
Dec-04	2,396.7	1,448.2	313.0	2,511.6	430.35	741.22	1.73	538.58	8.66	0.66	52.82
Jan-05	2,406.6	1,538.5	264.6	2,520.7	447.25	767.06	1.76	519.58	8.10	0.69	57.39
Feb-05	2,484.0	1,617.2	298.7	2,661.1	516.94	785.95	1.82	524.69	8.71	0.74	59.47
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	507.11	788.03	1.86	528.16	8.83	0.75	66.05
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 4,890.6	t 3,155.7	t 563.3	t 5,181.8	a 490.43	a 780.35	a 1.81	a 524.14	a 8.55	a 0.73	a 60.97
% change	13.7	12.6	6.0	12.9	0.3	2.2	11.0	-2.6	-2.7	14.1	31.2
Last 12 months	31,662.2	20,505.0	3,832.5	33,460.2	515.16	805.75	1.72	528.11	8.58	0.64	57.35
Previous 12	27,827.9	18,527.8	3,569.8	30,992.6	415.77	741.85	1.25	509.53	7.25	0.55	42.45
% change	13.8	10.7	7.4	8.0	23.9	8.6	37.8	3.6	18.2	16.3	35.1
% ch. year ago	10.4	12.7	5.3	9.0	-0.3	-1.3	2.8	-2.2	-8.0	13.6	35.3
% ch prev mnth	3.2	5.1	12.9	5.6	-1.9	0.3	2.2	0.7	1.4	1.4	11.1

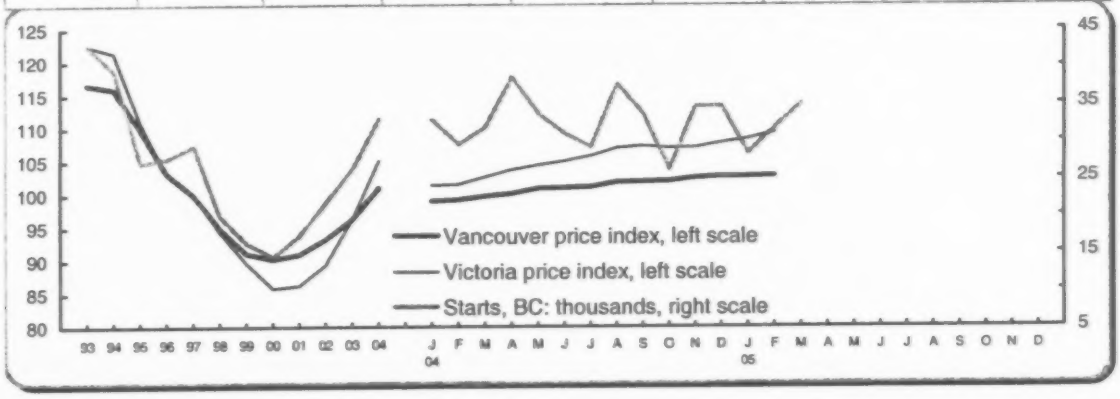




6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

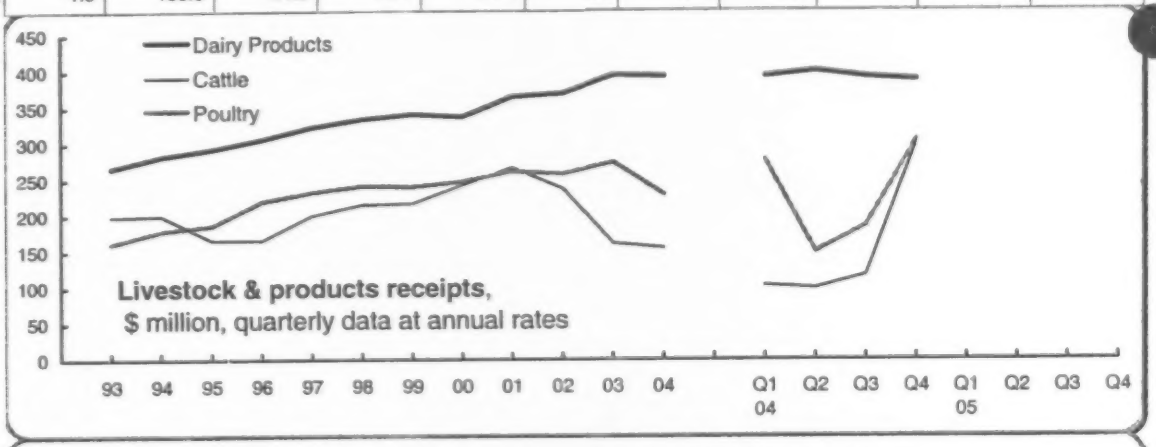
Period	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada)					Housing Starts	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada)		MLS® Average
	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	All Areas	Vancouver	Victoria	Sale Price
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2001	4,954,772	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	90.9	86.2	220,952
2002	5,659,415	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	93.2	89.3	238,758
2003	6,394,238	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
Jan-03	481,441	319,116	18,846	107,332	36,147	19.2	94.2	91.6	242,202
Feb-03	399,519	282,881	11,044	73,104	32,490	26.0	95.0	92.2	252,186
Mar-03	536,734	419,344	10,789	79,820	26,781	24.8	95.3	92.8	252,979
Apr-03	521,648	331,637	36,824	98,387	54,800	24.2	95.6	93.9	250,071
May-03	498,262	359,113	13,091	98,525	27,533	20.9	96.4	94.2	250,522
Jun-03	479,935	342,127	16,070	84,186	37,552	22.8	96.5	95.7	256,107
Jul-03	592,734	384,395	35,241	107,044	66,054	30.2	96.7	96.8	255,162
Aug-03	517,403	365,844	16,783	92,399	42,377	27.3	96.5	98.1	264,008
Sep-03	712,974	485,325	23,417	108,930	95,302	31.9	96.6	98.7	267,870
Oct-03	532,720	392,589	30,595	82,263	27,273	33.7	97.1	99.7	271,750
Nov-03	530,766	373,473	20,284	110,006	27,003	26.4	97.5	100.4	278,780
Dec-03	590,101	458,338	11,040	87,629	33,094	27.2	97.6	100.9	276,371
Jan-04	640,322	473,262	6,975	137,537	22,548	32.8	99.0	101.4	274,852
Feb-04	625,773	492,787	24,844	98,213	9,929	29.5	99.2	101.5	282,348
Mar-04	575,877	435,899	15,345	96,286	28,347	31.8	99.7	102.6	286,844
Apr-04	586,608	459,848	13,719	93,903	19,138	38.5	100.1	103.7	291,398
May-04	579,501	441,574	17,612	84,062	36,253	33.6	100.9	104.4	289,975
Jun-04	1,028,549	775,697	48,218	142,886	61,748	30.9	101.0	105.0	287,188
Jul-04	607,230	440,474	27,024	68,784	70,948	29.1	101.1	105.8	281,599
Aug-04	608,297	412,654	37,720	118,517	39,406	37.6	101.8	107.0	284,685
Sep-04	716,017	550,565	28,060	101,576	35,816	33.6	101.9	107.3	288,340
Oct-04	531,157	422,713	14,598	78,441	15,405	26.1	102.0	107.0	301,576
Nov-04	791,418	566,501	68,221	92,032	64,664	34.6	102.5	107.1	296,667
Dec-04	647,976	396,963	25,714	115,788	109,511	34.6	102.7	107.8	303,977
Jan-05	652,427	467,530	20,733	110,574	53,590	28.3	102.7	108.4	292,931
Feb-05	794,147	546,417	14,641	195,243	37,846	31.7	102.8	109.3	312,594
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	35.0	-	-	320,262
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 1,446,574	t 1,112,166	t 35,374	t 305,817	t 91,436	a 31.7	a 102.8	a 108.9	a 308,596
% change	14.3	5.5	11.2	29.7	181.5	1.0	3.7	7.3	9.7
Last 12 months	8,119,204	7,996,238	331,605	1,298,092	572,672	32.8	101.6	106.3	295,933
Previous 12	6,779,372	6,738,188	245,953	1,184,939	470,246	28.2	97.0	97.8	267,890
% change	19.8	18.7	34.8	9.5	21.8	16.2	4.7	8.6	10.5
% ch. year ago	26.9	15.6	-41.1	98.8	281.2	10.1	3.6	7.7	11.7
% ch prev mnth	21.7	14.5	-29.4	76.6	-29.4	10.4	0.1	0.8	2.5



7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total Farm Cash Receipts
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2001	364,478	265,941	260,897	279,450	1,170,766	154,782	163,835	394,354	280,866	993,837	2,224,466
2002	368,630	237,188	257,753	265,738	1,129,309	173,978	180,247	423,694	258,557	1,036,476	2,196,700
2003	393,102	160,867	272,982	255,385	1,082,336	217,388	215,182	460,747	243,047	1,136,364	2,278,106
2004	391,731	154,495	228,417	235,630	1,010,273	235,706	200,702	499,442	252,745	1,188,595	2,386,420
Q1-03	97,255	57,247	63,149	60,135	277,786	26,415	13,979	115,185	57,380	212,959	498,536
Q2-03	99,044	32,438	69,928	49,293	250,703	33,494	95,701	224,224	42,068	395,487	650,559
Q3-03	98,158	17,693	71,786	57,619	245,256	75,164	74,195	30,689	66,374	246,422	502,792
Q4-03	98,645	53,489	68,119	88,338	308,591	82,315	31,307	90,649	77,225	281,496	626,219
Q1-04	97,946	25,645	68,963	59,441	251,995	30,324	12,786	124,860	60,499	228,469	507,117
Q2-04	99,669	24,620	37,232	41,906	203,427	35,427	87,982	243,055	40,996	407,460	648,256
Q3-04	97,554	29,087	46,248	48,015	220,904	82,908	70,631	33,267	73,820	260,626	495,396
Q4-04	96,562	75,143	75,974	86,268	333,947	87,047	29,303	98,260	77,430	292,040	735,651
Q1-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q2-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 391,731	t 154,495	t 228,417	t 235,630	t 1,010,273	t 235,706	t 200,702	t 499,442	t 252,745	t 1,188,595	t 2,386,420
% change	-0.3	-4.0	-16.3	-7.7	-6.7	8.4	-6.7	8.4	4.0	4.6	4.8
Last 4 quarters	391,731	154,495	228,417	235,630	1,010,273	235,706	200,702	499,442	252,745	1,188,595	2,386,420
Previous 4	393,102	160,867	272,982	255,385	1,082,336	217,388	215,182	460,747	243,047	1,136,364	2,278,106
% change	-0.3	-4.0	-16.3	-7.7	-6.7	8.4	-6.7	8.4	4.0	4.6	4.8
% ch. year ago	-2.1	40.5	11.5	-2.3	8.2	5.7	-6.4	8.4	0.2	3.7	17.5
% ch. prev qtr	-1.0	158.3	64.3	79.7	51.2	-0.1	-58.5	195.4	11.5	12.1	48.5



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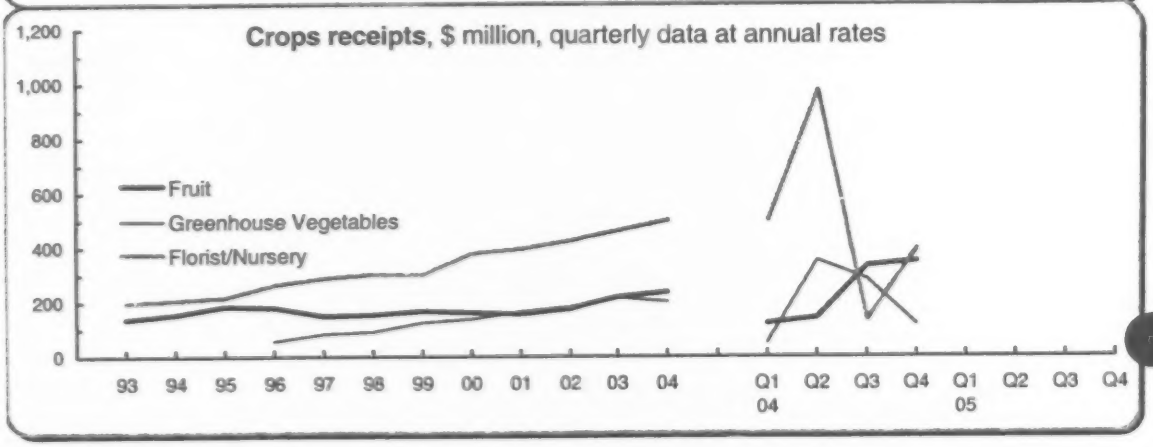
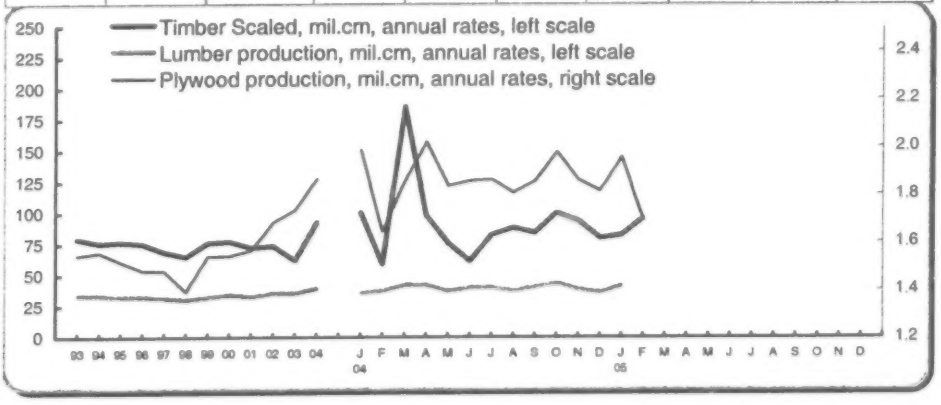


Crops receipts, $ million, quarterly data at annual rates

8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

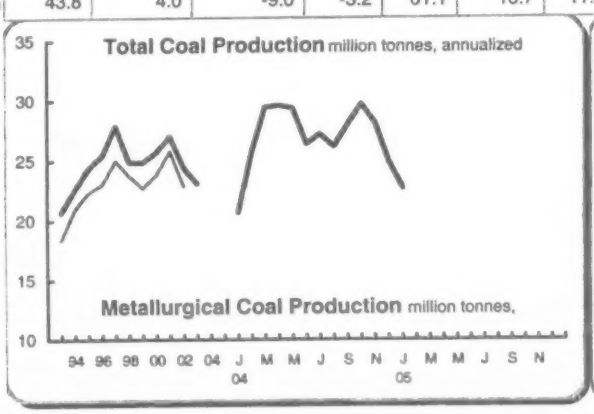
Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Cubic metres (000s)		Cubic metres	Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2001	72,212	32,605.7	1,563,884	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,519	35,500.9	1,680,352	1,159	1,731	2,890	4,477	1,171	1,729	7,380
2003	61,925	35,423.3	1,733,080	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
2004	92,361	39,204.6	1,863,057	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
Jan-03	5,290	3,192.1	146,395	106	154	260	441	104	145	689
Feb-03	9,296	3,114.6	143,287	95	141	236	390	90	153	633
Mar-03	10,494	3,290.3	147,246	106	143	249	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,232.9	153,464	102	148	250	374	100	152	626
May-03	4,933	3,040.7	138,689	97	154	251	336	96	150	582
Jun-03	2,615	2,857.8	146,246	88	116	204	358	104	132	594
Jul-03	2,884	2,898.5	135,981	103	124	227	434	97	133	593
Aug-03	4,805	2,450.7	130,438	102	121	223	416	94	137	646
Sep-03	4,126	2,804.0	147,744	92	125	217	448	102	133	683
Oct-03	3,647	3,298.2	166,120	101	166	267	382	90	156	628
Nov-03	69	2,661.6	141,692	100	152	252	371	104	149	625
Dec-03	9,362	2,581.9	135,778	98	148	246	419	95	145	659
Jan-04	8,387	2,972.5	165,383	103	151	254	389	96	139	624
Feb-04	4,894	3,116.9	136,844	96	147	243	387	96	140	622
Mar-04	15,492	3,497.0	154,530	98	164	262	386	112	171	669
Apr-04	8,174	3,494.7	168,132	102	156	258	388	89	155	631
May-04	6,313	3,095.0	152,888	95	147	242	392	97	156	645
Jun-04	5,090	3,330.0	154,608	84	145	229	353	103	154	610
Jul-04	6,876	3,349.8	155,068	96	159	255	360	93	159	612
Aug-04	7,327	3,114.5	150,452	88	156	244	350	82	147	580
Sep-04	7,002	3,382.7	154,500	85	153	238	391	89	150	630
Oct-04	8,338	3,636.8	164,606	104	148	252	449	86	149	684
Nov-04	7,822	3,206.4	154,964	92	149	241	415	96	155	665
Dec-04	6,646	3,008.3	151,082	101	168	269	464	96	166	726
Jan-05	6,849	3,437.4	162,852	90	162	252	390	85	156	631
Feb-05	7,966	-	141,470	87	146	233	371	90	151	612
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 14,815	t 3,437	t 304,322	t 177	t 308	t 485	t 761	t 175	t 307	t 1,243
% change	11.6	15.6	0.7	-11.1	3.4	-2.4	-1.9	-8.9	10.0	-0.2
Last 12 months	93,895	39,670	1,865,152	1,122	1,853	2,975	4,709	1,118	1,869	7,695
Previous 12	60,619	35,204	1,745,625	1,188	1,695	2,883	4,707	1,184	1,714	7,533
% change	54.9	12.7	6.8	-5.6	9.3	3.2	0.0	-5.6	9.0	2.2
% ch. year ago	62.8	15.6	3.4	-9.4	-0.7	-4.1	-4.1	-6.2	7.9	-1.6
% ch prev mnth	16.3	14.3	-13.1	-3.3	-9.9	-7.5	-4.9	5.9	-3.2	-3.0

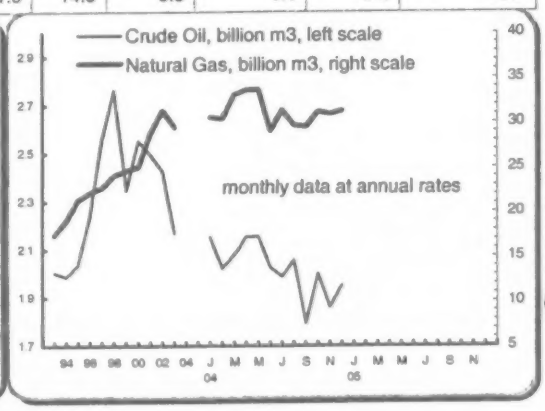


9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Statistics Canada (total) & Min. of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
Period	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,006.0	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	22,821.7	24,397.0	248.3	6.3	68.0	8.0	21.7	652.7	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
2003	-	-	23,061.0	247.9	6.3	64.0	9.7	22.3	660.7	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,050,922
2004	-	-	27,082.0	239.9	2.3	44.7	9.5	20.1	593.3	-	-	60,595,613
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,897.0	19.6	2.0	8.0	0.8	1.5	36.6	2,449.3	181.6	6,305,368
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.0	18.7	1.5	7.2	0.7	1.6	47.6	2,211.7	160.1	5,415,832
Mar-03	-	-	1,965.0	20.2	1.6	0.4	0.8	2.1	77.1	2,507.3	167.0	5,452,418
Apr-03	-	-	1,992.0	20.7	1.7	6.7	0.8	1.6	54.8	2,544.6	175.2	4,399,687
May-03	-	-	2,124.0	21.3	1.8	6.7	0.6	2.0	56.8	2,567.7	193.1	4,373,885
Jun-03	-	-	1,781.0	18.7	1.4	6.6	0.7	2.1	45.5	2,419.6	184.9	4,296,546
Jul-03	-	-	1,768.0	20.4	1.8	2.9	0.6	1.6	49.3	2,311.8	183.3	5,246,845
Aug-03	-	-	1,478.0	21.8	1.6	6.3	0.7	2.2	65.2	2,524.6	182.9	5,339,448
Sep-03	-	-	1,943.0	20.8	1.9	6.0	0.9	2.3	73.3	2,443.4	181.8	4,806,675
Oct-03	-	-	2,125.0	21.6	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.6	46.5	2,525.4	193.0	4,959,737
Nov-03	-	-	2,121.0	18.8	1.5	3.9	0.8	1.9	57.6	2,447.0	182.8	5,960,032
Dec-03	-	-	1,868.0	22.8	1.9	10.8	0.8	2.5	66.6	2,531.0	182.5	6,494,449
Jan-04	-	-	1,721.0	15.2	-	-	0.7	0.9	32.5	2,548.7	179.4	6,694,914
Feb-04	-	-	2,137.0	17.3	-	-	0.8	1.1	38.0	2,535.2	168.5	5,443,423
Mar-04	-	-	2,452.0	20.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	2.0	62.9	2,759.0	173.2	4,945,324
Apr-04	-	-	2,465.0	20.0	0.1	11.6	0.9	2.3	65.5	2,801.1	179.4	4,513,015
May-04	-	-	2,445.0	18.8	0.4	6.7	0.8	1.9	50.4	2,806.2	179.6	4,384,434
Jun-04	-	-	2,197.0	19.5	0.4	3.2	0.7	1.6	46.3	2,422.0	168.7	4,135,339
Jul-04	-	-	2,267.0	19.6	0.1	6.1	1.0	1.3	30.7	2,614.3	165.6	5,161,783
Aug-04	-	-	2,179.0	19.3	-	-	0.7	1.5	36.6	2,471.6	171.2	4,984,243
Sep-04	-	-	2,328.0	20.2	0.3	7.0	0.7	1.9	60.0	2,459.6	149.4	4,060,909
Oct-04	-	-	2,474.0	20.6	-	3.3	0.8	2.2	54.8	2,598.6	166.5	4,669,500
Nov-04	-	-	2,344.0	24.2	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.9	64.7	2,578.8	154.9	5,353,623
Dec-04	-	-	2,073.0	24.4	0.4	3.5	0.7	1.5	50.9	2,606.2	162.6	6,249,106
Jan-05	-	-	1,886.0	18.6	-	-	0.6	1.0	40.8	-	-	6,481,400
Feb-05	-	-	-	18.0	-	-	0.7	1.2	43.5	-	-	-
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.8	t 1,886.0	t 36.6	t 2.3	t 44.7	t 1.3	t 2.2	t 84.3	t 31,201.3	t 2,019.0	t 6,481,400
% change	-10.2	5.5	9.6	12.6	-88.6	-32.0	-17.8	10.7	19.6	5.8	-6.9	-3.2
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	27,247.0	244.0	2.3	44.7	9.2	20.3	607.1	31,201.3	2,019.0	60,382,099
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	22,885.0	239.6	20.0	65.7	9.0	21.8	663.2	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,440,468
% change	15.8	-8.3	19.1	1.8	-88.6	-32.0	2.9	-7.1	-8.5	5.8	-6.9	-4.8
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	9.6	4.0	-77.3	-67.6	-21.4	10.5	14.5	3.0	-10.9	-3.2
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	-9.0	-3.2	61.1	16.7	11.9	14.9	6.6	1.1	5.0	3.7





10 Manufacturing – Durables, NAICS based

Period	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2001	38,281,059	21,619,091	10,816,922	1,057,070	1,697,983	1,539,078	1,448,553	-	1,670,882
2002	38,498,922	22,438,355	11,269,596	1,268,304	1,714,105	1,684,598	1,223,672	-	1,564,813
2003	37,222,910	20,793,748	9,913,006	1,415,721	1,721,456	1,837,105	1,101,172	-	990,928
2004	42,250,548	25,253,589	13,013,249	1,571,447	2,030,949	2,131,363	1,094,945	-	1,060,573
Jan-03	3,164,967	1,805,828	848,232	122,349	147,252	152,120	81,985	-	91,364
Feb-03	3,114,221	1,803,605	854,947	124,028	150,738	159,093	81,532	-	82,947
Mar-03	3,101,344	1,727,907	819,369	119,359	142,397	150,844	73,327	-	85,823
Apr-03	3,077,958	1,708,788	787,026	116,132	140,266	150,711	97,091	-	84,002
May-03	3,015,018	1,671,370	765,498	113,902	139,050	154,895	91,238	-	78,688
Jun-03	3,001,714	1,689,198	783,494	114,034	141,644	147,459	85,899	-	77,791
Jul-03	3,084,801	1,752,470	821,608	110,606	138,119	153,452	99,550	-	78,314
Aug-03	3,122,837	1,771,393	832,612	110,366	136,967	159,425	102,097	-	75,893
Sep-03	3,230,285	1,867,294	876,807	120,488	160,765	150,932	106,773	-	87,863
Oct-03	3,109,195	1,801,871	844,691	114,954	140,173	156,487	100,837	-	81,295
Nov-03	3,130,404	1,822,107	864,059	120,449	137,503	157,331	98,763	-	83,434
Dec-03	3,078,202	1,763,039	817,629	128,709	148,359	144,978	82,669	-	82,873
Jan-04	3,139,030	1,817,132	883,502	124,938	140,278	162,475	93,293	-	92,796
Feb-04	3,248,100	1,895,010	927,563	131,360	152,267	159,642	106,117	-	84,662
Mar-04	3,432,322	1,994,141	996,736	130,608	160,410	167,951	104,074	-	93,553
Apr-04	3,434,877	2,046,807	1,032,633	130,168	164,084	169,156	102,572	-	83,093
May-04	3,579,167	2,119,780	1,097,551	122,781	170,350	172,029	98,301	-	91,674
Jun-04	3,549,809	2,127,933	1,107,156	125,889	166,999	172,614	101,204	-	86,974
Jul-04	3,584,476	2,181,628	1,157,325	124,235	167,477	197,510	92,331	-	81,878
Aug-04	3,636,166	2,206,071	1,179,040	123,029	173,207	186,636	92,045	-	88,291
Sep-04	3,679,992	2,226,189	1,167,115	130,722	183,183	190,313	79,264	-	90,305
Oct-04	3,587,451	2,175,087	1,137,151	135,440	179,123	180,795	77,350	-	95,272
Nov-04	3,633,255	2,194,898	1,132,729	143,620	183,673	183,419	82,625	-	88,346
Dec-04	3,589,979	2,139,750	1,092,366	141,188	181,792	186,061	75,729	-	79,990
Jan-05	3,569,751	2,145,209	1,086,428	130,906	190,799	202,645	77,706	-	91,676
Feb-05	3,598,736	2,166,575	1,082,870	135,942	195,986	185,661	84,464	-	82,667
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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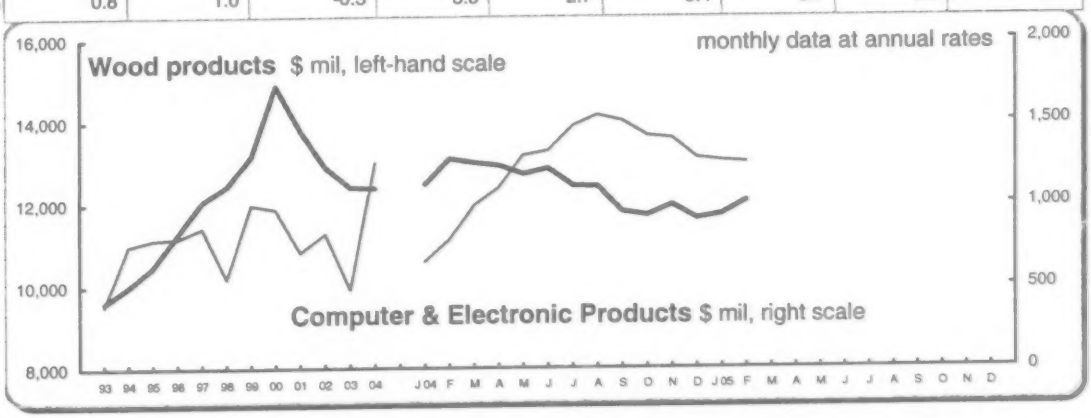
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 7,168,487	t 4,311,784	t 2,169,298	t 266,848	t 386,785	t 388,306	t 162,170	t 0	t 174,343
% change	12.2	16.2	19.8	4.1	32.2	20.5	-18.7	0.0	-1.8
Last 12 months	42,875,981	25,724,068	13,269,100	1,574,528	2,117,083	2,194,790	1,067,665	0	1,053,719
Previous 12	37,338,888	21,287,579	10,023,858	1,425,297	1,717,788	1,848,631	1,137,654	0	993,434
% change	14.8	20.8	32.4	10.5	23.2	18.7	-6.2	0.0	6.1
% ch. year ago	10.8	14.3	16.7	3.5	28.7	16.3	-20.4	0.0	-2.4
% ch prev mnth	0.8	1.0	-0.3	3.8	2.7	-8.4	8.7	0.0	-9.8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11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

Period	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	$ thousand							
	Seasonally Adjusted							
2001	16,661,964	4,504,561	992,470	6,264,089	908,529	-	1,000,572	1,051,738
2002	16,060,566	4,725,249	1,087,141	5,497,354	828,868	-	1,016,553	1,054,264
2003	16,429,161	4,889,680	1,091,227	5,651,945	758,499	-	1,083,911	1,155,869
2004	16,996,960	5,022,457	1,129,318	5,875,883	779,792	-	1,269,958	1,141,914
Jan-03	1,359,139	422,828	95,107	474,258	64,092	-	90,343	93,212
Feb-03	1,310,616	404,816	91,314	437,486	64,376	-	93,025	96,900
Mar-03	1,373,437	407,343	90,549	503,421	61,437	-	88,018	96,742
Apr-03	1,369,170	409,493	90,356	493,698	59,123	-	98,169	95,853
May-03	1,343,648	397,871	95,027	486,279	58,329	-	91,857	97,108
Jun-03	1,312,516	401,080	89,283	459,710	63,011	-	85,500	100,325
Jul-03	1,332,331	409,401	84,762	470,456	60,696	-	89,356	101,010
Aug-03	1,351,444	407,509	87,981	478,760	73,482	-	92,420	95,943
Sep-03	1,362,991	411,263	90,344	497,849	63,947	-	88,287	94,718
Oct-03	1,307,324	408,216	96,176	442,615	61,903	-	86,386	96,182
Nov-03	1,308,297	406,167	88,030	448,053	64,497	-	91,309	94,456
Dec-03	1,315,163	402,826	92,630	459,360	63,535	-	89,655	93,890
Jan-04	1,321,898	412,249	93,619	435,968	59,535	-	88,490	91,308
Feb-04	1,353,090	406,961	93,618	464,758	60,324	-	90,087	97,267
Mar-04	1,438,181	414,487	96,015	525,889	61,368	-	92,989	96,456
Apr-04	1,388,070	404,158	96,916	471,237	62,990	-	103,461	94,895
May-04	1,459,387	404,991	91,919	552,154	62,735	-	105,011	87,795
Jun-04	1,421,876	406,055	92,267	517,195	64,914	-	110,402	88,695
Jul-04	1,402,848	407,340	91,411	493,422	64,333	-	109,085	95,391
Aug-04	1,430,095	424,087	91,150	496,665	69,573	-	107,249	96,838
Sep-04	1,453,803	429,723	95,590	501,032	69,546	-	110,992	99,110
Oct-04	1,412,364	427,514	93,548	462,606	67,053	-	114,842	98,711
Nov-04	1,438,357	440,779	95,252	465,844	66,926	-	114,909	98,387
Dec-04	1,450,229	432,740	95,960	489,113	63,673	-	114,740	98,527
Jan-05	1,424,542	436,344	94,030	458,305	68,022	-	107,890	103,301
Feb-05	1,432,161	435,434	99,638	451,767	67,338	-	118,410	106,921
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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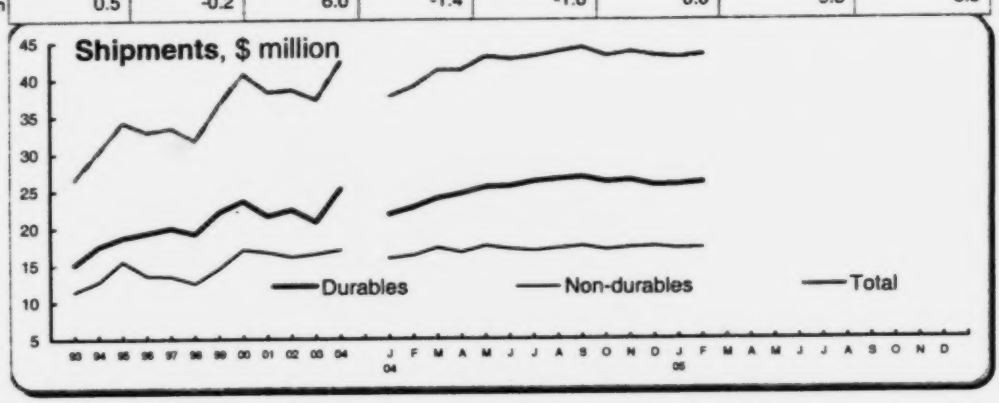
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 2,856,703	t 871,778	t 193,668	t 910,072	t 135,360	t 0	t 226,300	t 210,222
% change	6.8	6.4	3.4	1.0	12.9	0.0	26.7	11.5
Last 12 months	17,151,913	5,063,652	1,133,696	5,885,229	788,471	0	1,309,980	1,165,027
Previous 12	16,051,309	4,880,379	1,092,375	5,640,927	749,819	0	1,079,534	1,154,802
% change	6.9	3.8	3.8	4.3	5.2	0.0	21.3	0.9
% ch year ago	5.8	7.0	6.4	-2.8	11.6	0.0	31.4	9.9
% ch prev mnth	0.5	-0.2	6.0	-1.4	-1.0	0.0	9.8	3.5



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,721	2,518
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
2004	70,289	3,283	73,574	233,809	7,986	11,181	3,797	2,572
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,478	271	5,750	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	4,919	238	5,156	19,895	715	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	5,136	287	5,423	19,217	784	1,650	492	388
Sep-03	5,131	266	5,397	18,472	636	948	334	227
Oct-03	6,493	264	6,757	19,606	636	833	296	209
Nov-03	6,096	268	6,364	18,614	524	647	239	112
Dec-03	5,901	239	6,140	19,235	626	688	235	138
Jan-04	4,971	277	5,249	17,140	552	556	207	96
Feb-04	5,155	262	5,417	17,999	571	620	232	117
Mar-04	6,045	267	6,312	20,772	619	771	278	167
Apr-04	5,499	240	5,739	18,801	606	862	305	209
May-04	6,725	295	7,020	19,659	666	965	319	241
Jun-04	6,522	299	6,821	20,993	705	993	333	240
Jul-04	5,550	270	5,819	22,369	794	1,450	442	386
Aug-04	6,175	300	6,475	19,347	831	1,560	477	381
Sep-04	5,155	288	5,444	19,580	711	1,025	356	260
Oct-04	6,523	247	6,770	19,898	680	905	311	207
Nov-04	5,703	285	5,989	18,692	569	660	250	121
Dec-04	6,266	253	6,519	18,559	683	814	287	147
Jan-05	-	-	-	16,061	627	539	204	96
Feb-05	-	-	-	16,321	605	602	228	121
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	842	297	194
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 70,289	t 3,283	t 73,574	t 32,382	t 1,232	t 1,983	t 729	t 411
% change	10.5	4.4	10.3	-7.8	9.7	1.8	1.7	8.3
Last 12 months	70,289	3,283	73,574	231,052	8,095	11,217	3,809	2,604
Previous 12	63,582	3,145	66,727	219,270	7,339	10,825	3,687	2,488
% change	10.5	4.4	10.3	5.4	10.3	3.6	3.3	4.7
% ch. year ago	6.2	5.9	6.2	-9.3	6.0	9.2	6.8	16.6
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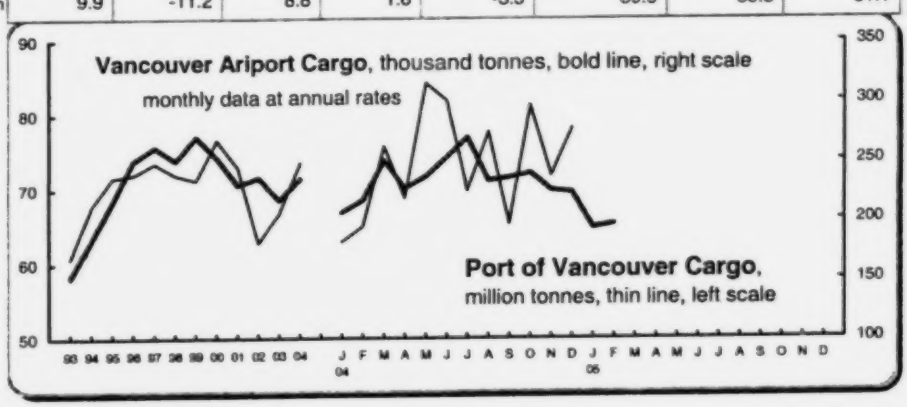

13 Service Sector – Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS

Period	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Internatl
	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,808,063	3,787,823	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	58.9	107,107	256,945	1,506,188	3,855	3,600
2003	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
2004	2,493,755	3,545,340	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.6	104,266	249,553	-	3,965	3,775
Jan-03	182,091	182,462	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.1	1,525	14,300	129,416	292	289
Feb-03	166,881	210,112	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.3	4,125	23,500	130,121	277	240
Mar-03	171,047	203,096	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.8	18,947	23,200	123,348	314	274
Apr-03	183,054	195,417	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.7	9,239	14,790	120,282	244	203
May-03	234,763	286,647	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.2	13,589	19,050	120,955	299	200
Jun-03	265,979	395,933	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,769	20,100	117,378	366	249
Jul-03	300,416	561,027	861,443	163,394	1,024,837	71.2	1,530	2,490	118,577	453	314
Aug-03	321,846	625,664	947,510	171,241	1,118,751	79.2	828	20,000	124,869	482	375
Sep-03	236,533	315,978	552,511	137,493	690,004	66.8	10,223	20,400	120,348	321	312
Oct-03	178,405	193,284	371,689	82,542	454,231	56.7	29,509	27,754	125,739	248	276
Nov-03	172,458	161,031	333,489	59,676	393,165	48.1	8,557	10,804	126,055	233	229
Dec-03	167,223	226,093	393,316	87,208	480,524	43.9	834	1,000	129,591	285	279
Jan-04	152,888	161,360	314,248	72,760	387,008	45.2	1,872	8,678	129,631	289	295
Feb-04	160,414	195,702	356,116	71,414	427,530	55.3	16,716	10,940	129,412	286	249
Mar-04	171,802	205,608	377,410	78,220	455,630	61.2	12,470	57,100	128,171	320	280
Apr-04	180,945	210,875	391,820	87,463	479,283	60.9	4,842	37,000	132,399	291	271
May-04	233,539	290,863	524,402	139,800	664,202	64.9	12,522	32,400	131,876	320	319
Jun-04	278,468	397,347	675,815	169,481	845,296	69.9	10,893	17,009	132,950	373	355
Jul-04	305,426	584,473	889,899	206,851	1,096,750	77.3	4,582	7,200	134,137	453	397
Aug-04	292,117	554,526	846,643	181,621	1,028,264	77.7	2,800	12,500	129,262	474	421
Sep-04	231,639	356,069	587,708	159,323	747,031	72.3	6,272	20,760	135,491	345	358
Oct-04	170,695	194,714	365,409	94,030	459,439	58.7	26,572	13,800	133,723	265	302
Nov-04	157,896	158,592	316,488	59,092	375,580	49.3	3,524	7,866	135,856	248	238
Dec-04	157,926	235,211	393,137	88,599	481,736	46.6	1,201	24,300	138,797	299	290
Jan-05	131,560	156,325	287,885	72,030	359,915	45.3	3,655	11,800	-	314	307
Feb-05	146,728	187,966	334,694	75,675	410,369	57.6	6,517	9,300	-	288	265
Mar-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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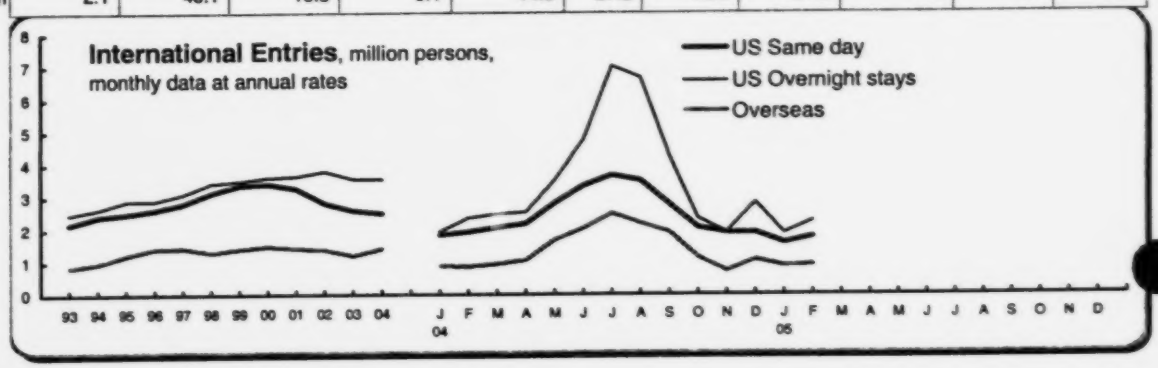
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 529,247	t 93,332	t 622,579	t 147,705	t 770,284	a 51.5	t 10,172	t 21,100	t 1,591,705	t 602	t 572
% change	1.6	-37.6	-7.1	2.4	-5.4	2.4	-45.3	7.6	7.1	4.8	5.0
Last 12 months	2,458,741	3,532,569	5,991,310	1,412,185	7,403,495	61.8	95,850	251,035	1,591,705	3,992	3,802
Previous 12	2,545,026	3,521,232	6,066,258	1,201,969	7,268,227	58.5	120,613	179,206	1,486,679	3,820	3,256
% change	-3.4	0.3	-1.2	17.5	1.9	5.7	-20.5	40.1	7.1	4.5	16.8
% ch. year ago	-4.4	-7.9	-6.0	6.0	-4.0	4.2	-61.0	-15.0	7.1	0.9	6.1
% ch. prev mnth	2.1	40.1	16.3	5.1	14.0	27.2	78.3	-21.2	2.2	-8.1	-13.8



14 Money and Markets

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	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	87.04
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	92.47
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	9,021.5	6,983.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
Jul-03	9,233.8	7,257.9	3.25	4.75	6.20	4.55	1.04	1.3815	88.16
Aug-03	9,415.8	7,510.3	3.25	4.75	6.35	4.55	1.00	1.3957	87.40
Sep-03	9,275.1	7,421.1	3.00	4.50	6.30	4.55	1.00	1.3632	89.23
Oct-03	9,801.1	7,772.7	3.00	4.50	6.40	4.55	1.00	1.3218	91.48
Nov-03	9,782.5	7,859.4	3.00	4.50	6.50	4.75	0.99	1.3126	92.09
Dec-03	10,453.9	8,220.9	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.75	0.96	1.3128	91.65
Jan-04	10,488.1	8,521.4	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.30	1.02	1.2960	92.54
Feb-04	10,583.9	8,788.5	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.30	1.00	1.3290	90.19
Mar-04	10,357.7	8,585.9	2.50	4.00	5.70	4.30	1.01	1.3284	90.55
Apr-04	10,225.6	8,244.0	2.25	3.75	6.15	4.45	1.00	1.3425	89.74
May-04	10,188.5	8,417.3	2.25	3.75	6.50	4.55	0.99	1.3783	87.57
Jun-04	10,435.5	8,545.6	2.25	3.75	6.70	4.70	1.11	1.3577	88.68
Jul-04	10,139.7	8,458.1	2.25	3.75	6.55	4.60	1.26	1.3219	91.00
Aug-04	10,173.9	8,377.0	2.25	3.75	6.30	4.40	1.51	1.3118	91.80
Sep-04	10,080.3	8,668.3	2.50	4.00	6.30	4.80	1.76	1.2878	93.52
Oct-04	10,027.5	8,871.0	2.75	4.25	6.40	4.90	1.74	1.2469	96.36
Nov-04	10,428.0	9,030.1	2.75	4.25	6.30	5.00	2.00	1.1961	99.92
Dec-04	10,783.0	9,246.7	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2191	97.74
Jan-05	10,489.9	9,204.1	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2253	97.41
Feb-05	10,766.2	9,668.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.52	1.2397	96.40
Mar-05	10,503.8	9,612.4	2.75	4.25	6.25	5.05	2.77	1.2161	98.17
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May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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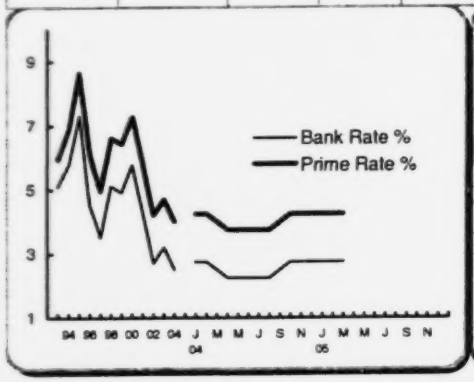
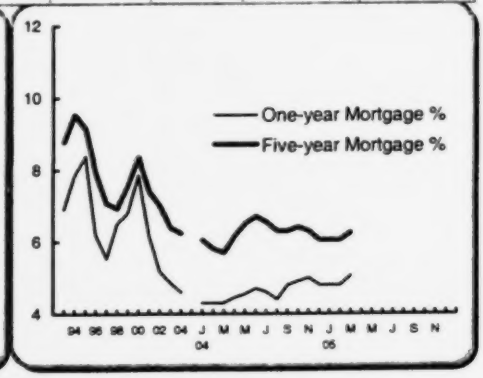
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(l-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 10,586.6	a 9,494.9	a 2.75	a 4.25	a 6.12	a 4.88	a 2.52	a 1.2270	a 97.33
% change	1.1	10.0	3.1	2.0	4.6	13.6	149.5	-6.9	6.8
Last 12 months	10,353.5	8,861.9	2.52	4.02	6.30	4.74	1.77	1.2786	94.03
Previous 12	9,645.3	7,697.3	3.08	4.58	6.20	4.65	1.06	1.3530	89.56
% change	7.3	15.1	-18.2	-12.3	1.7	1.8	66.3	-5.5	5.0
% ch. year ago	1.4	12.0	10.0	6.3	9.6	17.4	174.3	-8.5	8.4
% ch prev mnth	-2.4	-0.6	0.0	0.0	3.3	5.2	9.9	-1.9	1.8





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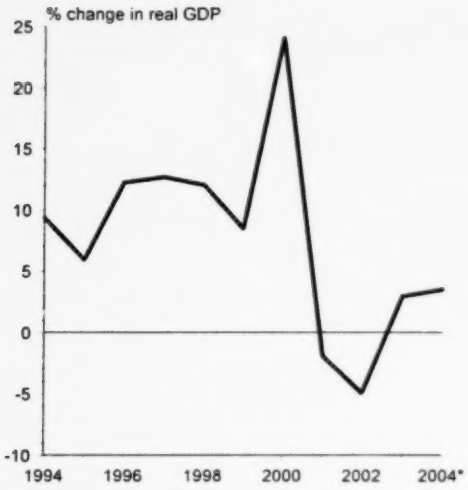
High Technology's Rebound

After two years of decline, British Columbia's high technology sector started to rebound in 2003, with high tech GDP expanding 3.0% from the level achieved in 2002, rising to just under $3.6 billion (1997 constant dollars). Preliminary data for 2004 indicates that the industry has fully recovered from its slump as GDP climbed a further 3.5% last year.[1]

BC's high technology sector GDP has bounced back from a two year slump



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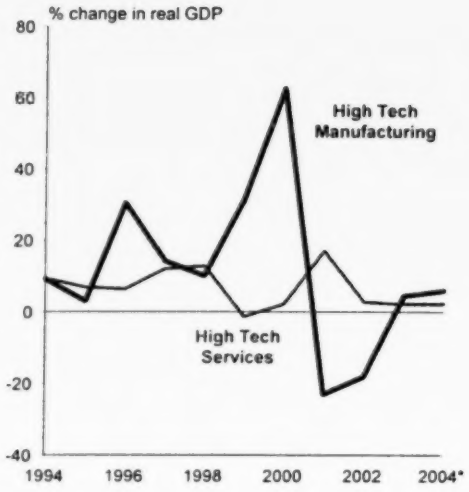
The high tech service sector continues to fare well, with GDP rising 2.2% in 2003 and 2.3% in 2004, marking five consecutive years of growth. However, it is the manufacturing sector in which the real turnaround occurred. After two years of double-digit declines, high tech manufacturing GDP jumped 4.5% in 2003 and climbed a further 5.9% in 2004.

Growth in GDP for high tech services has helped offset declines in manufacturing



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The divergent paths of the high tech goods and services sectors are evident in measures of employment as well. The growth in high tech manufacturing jobs in BC slowed considerably in 2001 before plunging 8.9% in the following year and continuing to drop a further 4.4% in 2003. In high tech services there was still

[1] The high technology data is produced with the assistance of *Leading Edge BC*. The definition of the high technology sector used in this report is described in the document *Profile of the British Columbia High Technology Sector: 2004 Edition* available online at:
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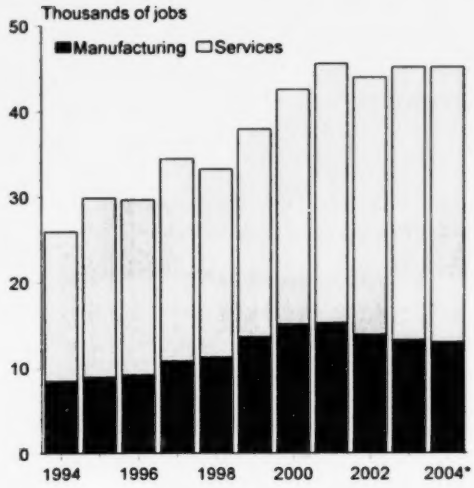
Although annual estimates for 2004 are reported here, these numbers should be used with discretion as they are preliminary and are subject to revision.

robust growth in employment in 2001 and the decline in 2002 was marginal (-0.9%). By 2003, high tech service jobs were on the rise once again, climbing 6.0%. Preliminary data for 2004 indicates that growth in the service sector has slowed (+0.9%), while manufacturing jobs continue to disappear (-2.1%). Overall, employment in the high technology sector in BC climbed 2.7% in 2003 and remained unchanged in 2004.

Growth in high tech service jobs has offset a decline in high tech manufacturing employment



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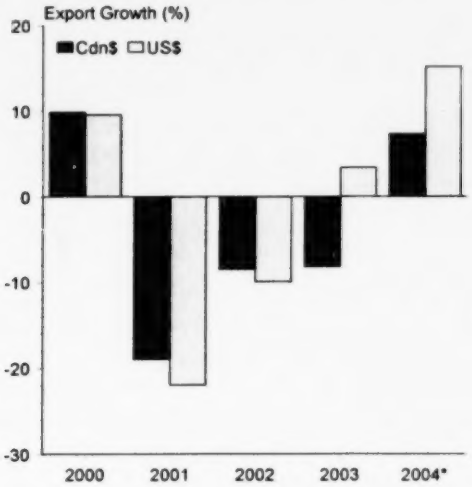
The increase in manufacturing output coupled with reduced employment has resulted in productivity gains in high tech manufacturing. The improved productivity continues a long-term trend that was halted in 2001 and 2002 when the nosedive in high tech manufacturing GDP was not matched by commensurate reductions in employment.

While GDP and employment in BC's high tech sector showed signs of recovery in 2003, the value of exports of high technology goods continued to decline, dropping 8.2% to $628.5 million. However, unlike the previous two years when the declines were due to a drop in demand for high tech products, the weaker performance in 2003 was mainly the result of the rapid appreciation of the Canadian dollar against its American counterpart. When valued in American currency, BC high technology exports actually increased in 2003, rising 3.4%.[2] Although the value of exports of high tech goods have rebounded in 2004, expanding 7.3%, the high Canadian dollar continues to play a role as the growth of these exports valued in American dollars was more than double that rate (+15.2%).

The drop in the value of BC high tech exports in 2003 was mainly due to the rapid appreciation of the Canadian dollar



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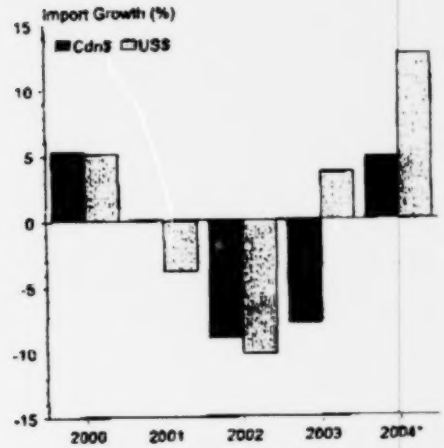
Contrary to what one might expect, the spiralling Canadian dollar did not result in substantial growth in the value of high technology imports into the province. The allure of less expensive mer-

[2] The value of exports was converted to US dollars using an average monthly exchange rate and applying it to monthly trade data.

chandise did not translate into substantially higher demand for imported high tech goods. In fact, imports of high tech goods fell 7.8% in 2003, almost the same rate of decline as exports. However, similar to exports, when converted to American currency, imports actually grew, rising 3.6%. High tech imports rebounded in 2004, expanding 4.7%, but once again, the stronger loonie hid some of the growth as imports valued in US currency rose 12.6%.

The exchange rate made a big difference for high tech imports as well



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The reason why the higher exchange rate did not immediately translate into an increase in the volume of high tech imports is possibly due to the fact that a significant amount of high tech goods imported into the province are used as inputs into BC's own high technology manufacturing. Since demand for domestically produced manufactured high tech goods was tepid in 2003, the demand for input goods imported into the province was also muted. The stronger demand for exports in 2004 has also helped boost imports.

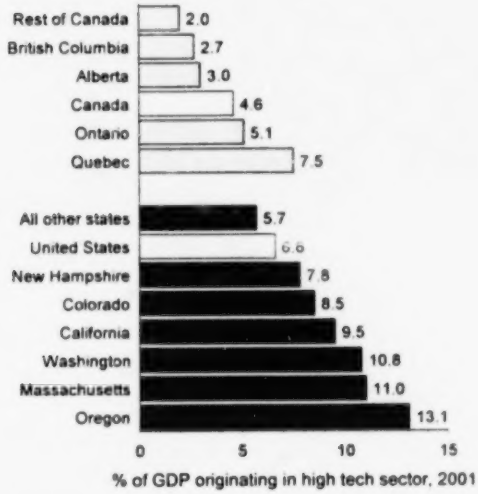
BC's High Tech Industry in Context

The high technology sector in British Columbia has experienced strong growth in the last decade and has performed well relative to other industries within the province, but in order to truly judge the size and scope of the industry, it is necessary to compare it to high tech in other jurisdictions.

Within Canada, BC's high tech industry generally ranks behind Quebec, Ontario and Alberta in most measures of size and performance. In 2003, BC's high tech sector recorded the strongest improvement among the provinces, ranking first in GDP growth after having suffered through the poorest performance among the top four provinces a year earlier. BC also had the highest increase in high tech revenues and employment and, despite an 8.2% decline in exports, still fared better than most provinces on the trade front as well.

Nevertheless, BC's high technology sector is still small relative to other jurisdictions, particularly many US states, including those in the Pacific Northwest such as Washington State and Oregon. Only 2.7% of BC's GDP was derived from high technology in 2001 compared to 13.1% in Oregon and 10.8% in Washington. The only Canadian province to exceed the US average of 6.6% was Quebec, with 7.5% of that province's GDP originating in the high tech sector, well ahead of the Canadian average of 4.6%. Compared to BC, high technology played a larger role in the economies of both Ontario (5.1%) and Alberta (3.0%) as well.

Compared to BC, high tech industries play a more significant role in the economy of many American states



In 2002, approximately 4.0% of American employees worked in high technology industries. This compares to about 3.5% of Canadian employees and 2.8% of employed workers in British Columbia.[3]

Approximately 23.3% of total US domestic goods exports were high technology products, compared to only 7.1% of Canadian exports and 2.2% of BC origin exports. Quebec, with 23.4% of exports comprised of high tech goods, is the only province with a comparable ratio to the United States.

These data demonstrate that put into context with surrounding jurisdictions, BC's high tech sector is relatively small. However, high technology in BC has undergone rapid expansion in the last decade and there is no reason to suspect that it will not continue to grow. Given the importance of high technology products in today's world and the combination of lucrative revenues and well-paid employment offered by high tech, there is little doubt that the sector will continue to attract attention in British Columbia and elsewhere.

[3] The employment data comes from employer surveys and therefore self-employed workers are excluded.

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Some series subject to irregular fluctuations are presented on a **three month moving average** basis. All such series included in this report are also seasonally adjusted. Where space is limited these are tagged 3MMA SA.

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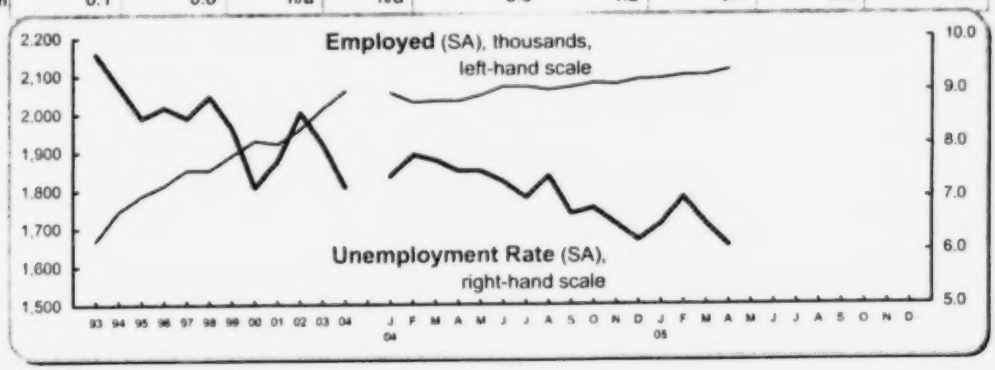
Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted
Ave: average
bd ft: board feet
C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen
Can: Canada, Canadian
GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9
m3: cubic metres
mil: million
MLS: Multiple Listing Service
Moly: molybdenum
mth: month (as in: previous mth)
NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System
SA: seasonally adjusted
T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange
US: United States of America
WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

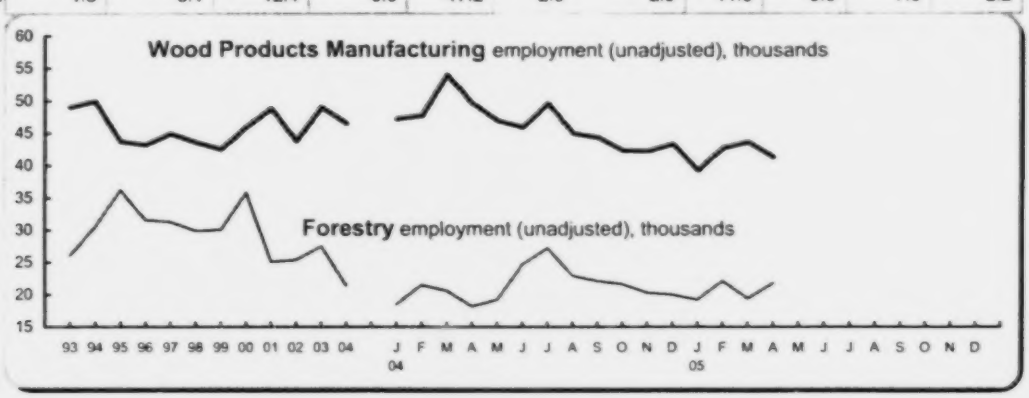
	Labour Force Activity					Earnings		Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits	
	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Wages and Salaries	Average Weekly Wage Rate	Number of Beneficiaries	$
Period	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA		Unadjusted	
2001	2,082.3	1,922.1	7.7	64.0	32.2	61,495.9	648.13	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,143.8	1,960.1	8.6	65.0	32.0	63,192.7	668.15	817,850	1,073,203.5
2003	2,190.5	2,014.2	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,066.0	683.82	813,520	1,059,531.1
2004	2,219.2	2,059.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	67,850.1	686.61	737,780	960,359.7
Jan-03	2,153.1	1,981.9	8.0	64.8	32.3	5,411.4	682.07	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,169.1	1,994.0	8.1	65.3	32.7	5,399.8	681.94	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,181.1	2,013.2	7.7	65.6	32.8	5,386.8	681.83	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,183.5	2,008.8	8.0	65.5	28.9	5,398.7	679.75	71,440	86,968.3
May-03	2,183.0	1,998.9	8.4	65.5	33.2	5,388.5	684.26	66,040	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,175.2	1,999.8	8.1	65.2	33.6	5,387.9	686.74	60,670	89,008.4
Jul-03	2,196.6	2,009.1	8.5	65.7	31.6	5,413.8	685.72	64,540	75,483.9
Aug-03	2,193.9	2,011.8	8.3	65.6	30.5	5,416.2	687.79	67,120	83,006.1
Sep-03	2,209.6	2,013.3	8.9	65.9	33.3	5,459.1	690.66	54,170	87,528.0
Oct-03	2,213.8	2,041.4	7.8	66.0	29.7	5,464.1	683.81	58,550	66,990.2
Nov-03	2,209.2	2,037.7	7.8	65.8	29.6	5,447.9	682.56	65,750	86,669.7
Dec-03	2,215.0	2,057.1	7.1	65.9	32.9	5,491.9	678.46	73,050	92,179.5
Jan-04	2,220.2	2,054.9	7.4	66.0	32.4	5,531.7	678.67	81,270	102,257.2
Feb-04	2,202.0	2,030.1	7.8	65.4	33.4	5,572.6	685.65	76,980	109,369.0
Mar-04	2,203.6	2,033.5	7.7	65.3	31.5	5,596.4	677.70	72,950	94,275.5
Apr-04	2,199.1	2,033.2	7.5	65.1	31.1	5,624.1	676.04	65,970	79,729.2
May-04	2,214.6	2,048.3	7.5	65.5	33.4	5,624.9	673.81	59,490	87,371.7
Jun-04	2,234.1	2,071.1	7.3	66.0	33.9	5,658.2	678.14	52,460	65,468.6
Jul-04	2,226.3	2,070.3	7.0	65.6	32.1	5,665.5	680.96	52,750	61,242.0
Aug-04	2,227.6	2,062.1	7.4	65.6	31.0	5,680.4	688.27	58,430	85,782.8
Sep-04	2,218.7	2,069.5	6.7	65.2	34.1	5,690.7	697.88	46,790	61,903.3
Oct-04	2,231.2	2,079.4	6.8	65.5	30.2	5,707.5	704.09	49,490	62,134.7
Nov-04	2,220.9	2,076.8	6.5	65.1	30.6	5,714.7	700.51	57,360	73,706.0
Dec-04	2,228.2	2,089.5	6.2	65.3	33.7	5,783.4	696.56	63,840	77,119.8
Jan-05	2,236.9	2,091.7	6.5	65.4	32.9	-	708.09	73,320	105,871.9
Feb-05	2,258.1	2,099.8	7.0	66.0	33.9	-	704.90	67,780	84,184.6
Mar-05	2,248.2	2,101.0	6.5	65.6	33.8	-	698.01	61,980	78,729.6
Apr-05	2,251.0	2,114.3	6.1	65.6	34.1	-	700.56	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,248.6	a 2,101.7	a 6.5	a 65.7	a 33.7	t 67,850.1	a 702.89	a 67,693	t 268.8
% change	1.9	3.1	n/a	n/a	4.9	4.3	3.4	-12.2	-12.1
Last 12 months	2,233.0	2,081.2	6.8	65.5	32.8	67,850.1	694.32	59,138	923,244.1
Previous 12	2,201.8	2,026.7	7.9	65.6	31.9	65,066.0	683.17	67,711	1,055,973.9
% change	1.4	2.7	n/a	n/a	2.8	4.3	1.6	-12.7	-12.6
% ch. year ago	2.4	4.0	n/a	n/a	9.6	5.3	3.6	-15.0	-16.5
% ch prev mnth	0.1	0.6	n/a	n/a	0.9	1.2	0.4	-8.6	-6.5



2 Employment by Industry – Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

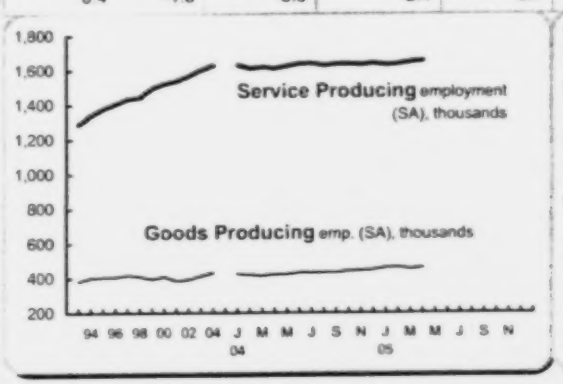
Period	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2001	383.9	25.8	25.1	4.8	11.4	10.9	110.8	22.1	48.8	15.0	195.1
2002	392.3	29.6	25.4	3.1	9.2	11.3	117.4	23.6	43.8	17.0	196.4
2003	411.7	32.3	27.5	4.5	13.2	11.1	117.4	27.0	49.0	14.4	205.7
2004	431.0	36.7	21.4	2.9	11.0	9.0	141.7	25.3	46.5	11.9	208.4
Jan-03	404.6	31.6	27.8	5.2	7.4	11.3	115.1	24.6	45.5	17.9	202.6
Feb-03	409.7	33.1	27.7	3.7	11.5	12.0	115.8	25.5	50.1	15.4	204.1
Mar-03	424.4	34.7	27.2	3.8	14.7	12.6	121.5	22.2	51.4	15.5	208.2
Apr-03	408.9	32.4	26.0	1.9	13.8	11.6	110.3	24.0	50.3	14.6	206.8
May-03	413.9	31.9	26.2	2.4	18.0	11.3	113.9	24.5	53.4	14.7	208.6
Jun-03	411.3	30.5	28.6	4.5	14.5	11.1	116.3	25.3	51.8	17.0	206.3
Jul-03	412.4	31.2	32.9	4.2	15.7	10.6	117.7	26.5	50.2	16.1	205.4
Aug-03	408.0	32.2	27.7	6.2	11.3	10.8	117.1	28.9	46.5	15.2	206.3
Sep-03	407.6	31.4	28.9	5.6	12.7	10.8	116.9	27.6	43.9	12.7	203.8
Oct-03	415.6	31.9	28.1	6.5	15.1	10.9	119.8	32.3	48.5	12.9	206.3
Nov-03	413.8	35.1	25.4	6.3	10.5	10.8	121.3	30.8	50.2	11.4	204.5
Dec-03	411.3	32.8	23.3	3.8	12.7	9.4	122.4	31.8	46.5	9.5	206.1
Jan-04	425.2	35.6	18.5	5.0	10.8	9.2	131.8	36.3	47.2	10.5	211.3
Feb-04	419.6	36.5	21.5	3.2	11.1	8.3	126.4	27.6	47.7	10.9	211.0
Mar-04	415.6	35.3	20.6	3.0	8.9	9.4	131.2	24.3	54.0	9.4	205.9
Apr-04	422.7	37.0	18.2	2.7	8.4	10.0	134.6	23.7	49.6	10.3	207.5
May-04	423.0	39.3	19.2	3.5	10.2	10.4	134.0	22.6	46.9	14.2	205.3
Jun-04	433.2	39.3	24.7	2.9	10.1	10.4	141.1	21.7	45.9	14.5	205.2
Jul-04	431.5	37.1	27.2	2.5	9.8	9.1	140.5	18.5	49.6	13.4	209.5
Aug-04	433.3	36.1	22.9	3.6	10.5	10.1	143.2	22.1	44.9	11.8	209.6
Sep-04	432.7	33.3	22.1	2.5	11.0	8.5	148.3	22.2	44.3	11.3	208.9
Oct-04	442.6	37.4	21.6	2.4	13.0	8.0	153.7	26.8	42.3	12.7	208.7
Nov-04	443.8	35.4	20.3	1.6	13.3	7.1	155.6	29.3	42.2	11.2	210.5
Dec-04	448.1	38.8	20.0	2.6	14.9	7.5	156.8	28.4	43.3	13.2	208.2
Jan-05	460.4	40.6	19.2	-	13.8	8.0	166.2	33.0	39.2	12.5	208.8
Feb-05	463.1	41.8	22.1	1.6	12.6	9.3	168.9	33.2	42.7	12.5	205.6
Mar-05	454.0	41.3	19.4	-	14.5	10.1	168.2	30.2	43.6	12.9	198.5
Apr-05	459.9	42.6	21.8	-	12.0	10.3	173.0	26.7	41.2	13.8	194.1
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 459.4	a 41.6	a 20.6	a 0.8	a 13.2	a 9.4	a 169.1	a 30.8	a 41.7	a 12.9	a 201.8
% change	9.2	15.2	4.7	-80.5	34.9	2.2	29.1	10.0	-16.0	25.8	-3.4
Last 12 months	443.8	38.6	21.7	2.4	12.1	9.1	154.1	26.2	43.8	12.8	206.1
Previous 12	414.8	33.5	25.0	4.5	12.5	10.2	122.5	28.3	49.1	12.6	206.9
% change	7.0	15.3	-13.1	-45.9	-2.7	-11.3	25.9	-7.3	-10.8	2.3	-0.4
% ch. year ago	8.8	15.1	19.8	-50.0	42.9	3.0	28.5	12.7	-16.9	34.0	-6.5
% ch prev mnth	1.3	3.1	12.4	0.0	-17.2	2.0	2.9	-11.6	-5.5	7.0	-2.2

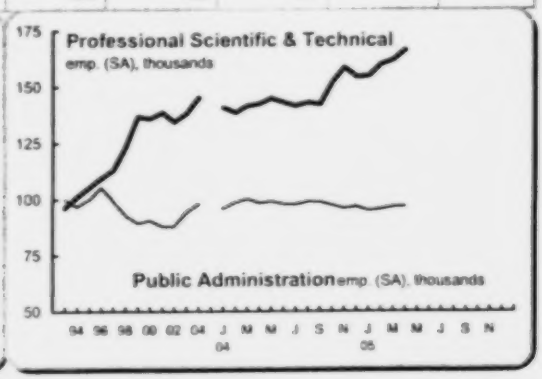


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2001	1,538.2	304.0	112.6	122.1	138.6	138.4	197.9	105.3	164.2	88.0
2002	1,567.9	323.4	112.2	125.7	134.5	137.5	211.6	105.8	162.4	87.8
2003	1,602.5	329.5	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.4	213.5	107.1	161.9	94.1
2004	1,628.7	320.6	117.7	131.5	145.2	135.1	219.5	111.4	174.8	97.9
Jan-03	1,577.3	338.8	117.3	128.7	130.5	142.9	206.0	101.2	157.3	89.0
Feb-03	1,584.3	333.3	117.8	128.8	130.5	144.5	213.5	100.5	156.4	93.2
Mar-03	1,588.8	328.3	120.4	128.1	134.4	146.9	211.6	101.3	159.7	88.4
Apr-03	1,600.0	332.1	120.6	129.9	134.0	141.8	215.4	106.6	157.3	89.1
May-03	1,585.0	325.3	120.9	122.9	131.9	141.1	215.1	110.1	156.6	90.3
Jun-03	1,588.5	326.0	115.9	126.8	134.2	137.0	216.9	107.5	159.5	94.4
Jul-03	1,596.7	324.5	113.8	124.4	141.4	140.3	214.1	109.3	160.8	97.8
Aug-03	1,603.8	325.4	119.1	122.9	145.3	140.3	210.3	107.4	165.3	94.1
Sep-03	1,605.7	331.4	114.4	123.9	143.7	131.9	211.2	112.2	167.5	96.0
Oct-03	1,625.9	330.9	117.4	125.4	145.0	140.8	213.6	108.9	166.6	99.6
Nov-03	1,623.9	328.3	119.9	127.2	143.2	136.9	214.5	108.1	166.5	98.4
Dec-03	1,645.8	328.5	123.5	126.4	143.8	139.3	220.0	110.7	169.3	97.4
Jan-04	1,629.8	339.6	119.7	128.2	140.8	138.7	215.6	109.1	163.6	95.9
Feb-04	1,610.6	325.5	116.3	124.4	138.5	137.3	212.5	111.7	168.3	98.6
Mar-04	1,617.9	331.2	112.9	129.8	141.5	132.4	220.7	108.3	168.3	100.1
Apr-04	1,610.4	320.0	117.0	131.7	142.4	132.4	218.6	105.4	173.3	98.3
May-04	1,625.3	322.8	117.9	131.8	144.8	136.9	217.2	104.7	170.7	98.9
Jun-04	1,637.9	321.3	123.1	129.9	143.0	137.0	224.4	112.3	176.5	97.9
Jul-04	1,638.9	324.6	124.4	127.9	141.5	134.9	221.6	113.0	177.7	97.6
Aug-04	1,628.8	316.4	118.3	138.5	143.0	128.1	218.5	116.6	177.0	99.0
Sep-04	1,636.7	314.2	118.0	132.3	142.2	138.6	226.3	115.1	178.2	98.8
Oct-04	1,636.8	311.4	118.3	134.3	152.0	135.0	217.7	115.7	179.4	97.3
Nov-04	1,633.0	310.3	113.3	133.1	158.5	136.2	218.4	111.4	181.6	96.0
Dec-04	1,641.3	311.9	113.0	136.1	154.3	133.2	222.7	112.8	182.7	96.7
Jan-05	1,631.2	318.8	115.0	131.0	154.8	134.1	215.6	109.5	178.4	95.0
Feb-05	1,636.8	322.4	114.5	133.2	160.1	138.5	216.3	105.3	166.0	95.6
Mar-05	1,647.0	327.6	114.9	139.9	161.9	138.7	212.6	98.6	166.9	96.6
Apr-05	1,654.3	322.3	111.5	136.5	166.3	146.2	210.5	99.7	178.1	96.9
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,642.3	a 322.8	a 114.0	a 135.2	a 160.8	a 139.4	a 213.8	a 103.3	a 172.4	a 96.0
% change	1.6	-1.9	-2.1	5.2	14.2	3.1	-1.4	-4.9	2.4	-2.2
Last 12 months	1,637.3	318.7	116.9	133.7	151.9	136.5	218.5	109.6	176.1	97.2
Previous 12	1,612.0	328.1	117.6	126.2	141.0	137.4	215.3	109.1	165.5	96.7
% change	1.6	-2.9	-0.6	6.0	7.7	-0.7	1.5	0.5	6.4	0.5
% ch. year ago	2.7	0.7	-4.7	3.6	16.8	10.4	-3.7	-5.4	2.8	-1.4
% ch. prev mnth	0.4	-1.6	-3.0	-2.4	2.7	5.4	-1.0	1.1	6.7	0.3

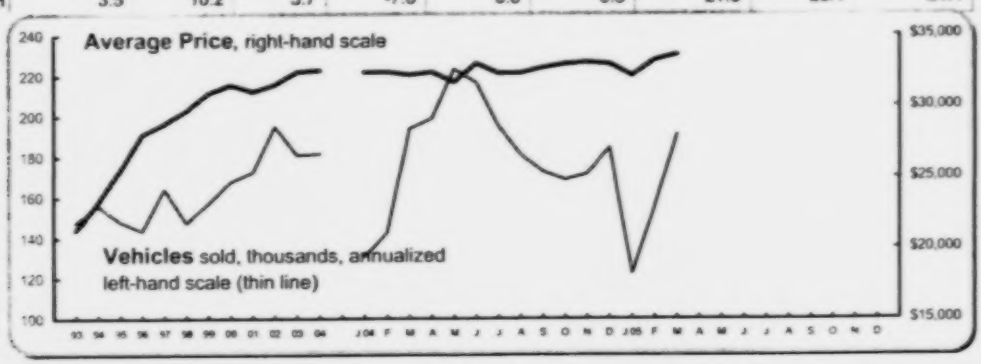




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada

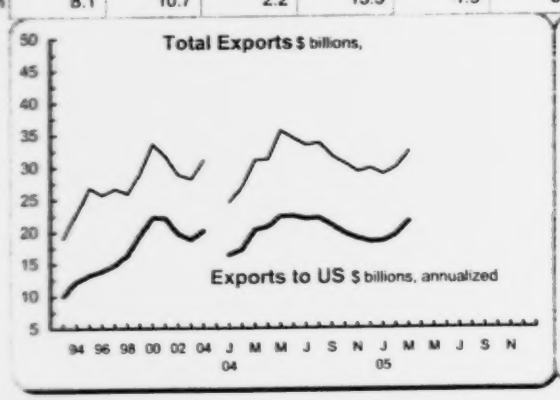
	Business				Consumer				
			Bankruptcies (Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada)			Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Business Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Consumer Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2001	35,884.7	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	40,718.9	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	38,467.9	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	43,265.0	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
2003	39,910.7	23,243	1,002	9,385	120.4	44,421.0	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
2004	43,856.9	25,428	-	8,378	122.8	47,216.6	2,750.8	181,605	5,907,610
Jan-03	3,478.7	2,122	202	731	119.0	3,695.4	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	3,450.7	1,804	186	857	119.6	3,733.6	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	3,403.0	1,952	206	879	120.6	3,600.8	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	3,264.9	1,844	184	862	120.4	3,635.9	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	3,242.6	1,747	136	761	120.4	3,648.3	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	3,196.9	2,047	186	840	120.2	3,659.9	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	3,229.5	1,837	162	821	120.5	3,688.7	197.8	16,982	546,553
Aug-03	3,193.2	1,818	122	684	120.9	3,809.1	214.1	15,961	516,156
Sep-03	3,306.8	2,056	174	767	121.2	3,726.9	197.6	14,310	482,072
Oct-03	3,320.3	2,023	150	827	120.6	3,711.1	211.5	13,784	455,682
Nov-03	3,390.7	2,050	146	709	120.8	3,747.4	253.9	14,389	460,714
Dec-03	3,433.3	1,943	150	655	120.9	3,764.0	370.8	14,242	471,844
Jan-04	3,396.3	2,115	79	665	120.8	3,780.9	162.3	10,894	353,088
Feb-04	3,391.6	2,015	71	757	121.3	3,790.0	168.7	11,896	385,560
Mar-04	3,496.5	2,045	89	877	121.6	3,895.5	191.2	16,155	520,301
Apr-04	3,624.4	2,109	94	730	122.4	3,901.9	213.5	16,582	537,134
May-04	3,625.7	2,156	73	692	123.4	3,917.2	220.2	18,600	589,843
Jun-04	3,658.3	2,337	75	832	123.6	3,943.1	223.2	18,040	595,439
Jul-04	3,794.5	2,075	68	618	123.4	3,986.5	228.5	16,246	524,992
Aug-04	3,804.1	2,031	74	610	123.3	3,972.2	227.6	15,073	487,328
Sep-04	3,747.8	2,022	57	681	123.5	3,997.9	224.6	14,388	470,545
Oct-04	3,825.7	2,015	79	684	123.5	4,029.0	235.7	14,063	463,546
Nov-04	3,724.6	2,109	81	643	123.7	4,008.3	259.9	14,293	472,926
Dec-04	3,767.4	2,399	81	597	123.5	3,994.2	395.4	15,375	506,908
Jan-05	3,682.5	2,141	52	665	123.6	3,986.0	179.1	10,199	327,696
Feb-05	3,853.8	2,223	70	798	123.8	4,102.0	176.7	12,920	429,511
Mar-05	3,988.9	2,450	74	742	124.1	4,134.4	214.9	15,901	534,303
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	124.9	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 11,525.2	t 6,814	t 196	t 2,205	a 124.1	t 12,222.4	t 570.7	t 39,020	t 1,291,510
% change	12.1	10.3	-18.0	-4.1	2.1	6.6	9.3	0.2	2.6
Last 12 months	45,097.7	26,067	878	8,292	123.7	47,972.6	2,799.4	181,680	5,940,171
Previous 12	39,862.7	23,540	944	9,225	121.0	44,857.6	2,563.8	178,080	5,789,664
% change	13.1	10.7	-7.0	-10.1	2.3	6.9	9.2	2.0	2.6
% ch. year ago	14.1	19.8	-16.9	-15.4	2.0	6.1	12.4	-1.6	2.7
% ch prev mnth	3.5	10.2	5.7	-7.0	0.6	0.8	21.6	23.1	24.4

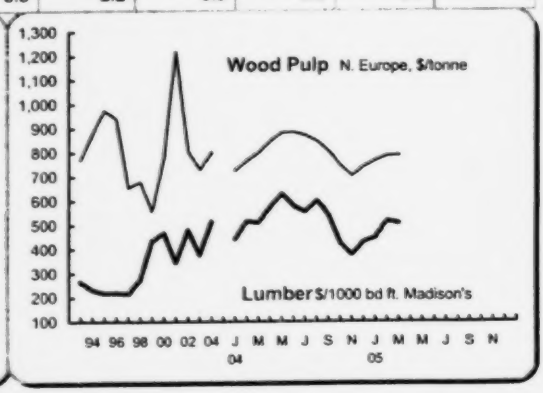


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
2001	31,679.7	22,104.4	4,066.1	31,640.7	344.86	1,218.08	1.11	419.83	6.79	7.45	40.08
2002	28,828.4	19,665.8	3,858.5	31,533.2	480.11	804.60	1.11	486.82	7.23	6.77	40.95
2003	28,191.7	18,792.3	3,649.4	31,263.0	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
2004	31,048.1	20,121.2	3,801.6	32,871.9	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
Jan-03	2,359.4	1,561.5	308.4	2,405.5	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	50.76
Feb-03	2,307.3	1,505.3	302.4	2,454.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	54.25
Mar-03	2,626.8	1,773.7	321.1	2,908.9	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	49.52
Apr-03	2,438.3	1,585.4	346.3	2,843.3	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	41.20
May-03	2,335.0	1,562.6	333.6	2,668.4	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	38.96
Jun-03	2,270.8	1,547.4	282.2	2,669.8	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	41.54
Jul-03	2,383.6	1,649.3	310.8	2,527.1	380.61	725.92	1.08	483.25	6.59	0.51	42.50
Aug-03	2,412.8	1,644.6	287.8	2,392.2	437.68	713.99	1.12	502.11	6.98	0.52	44.09
Sep-03	2,395.2	1,623.5	318.0	2,682.3	490.22	706.94	1.10	516.59	7.05	0.50	38.57
Oct-03	2,285.6	1,537.1	276.5	2,839.9	391.27	708.01	1.15	500.75	6.57	0.54	40.09
Nov-03	2,127.0	1,387.9	261.4	2,461.6	397.71	723.23	1.22	511.60	6.80	0.54	40.81
Dec-03	2,249.9	1,414.0	300.9	2,409.4	397.79	733.87	1.31	534.94	7.38	0.58	42.21
Jan-04	2,052.3	1,367.5	247.6	2,149.3	441.93	725.75	1.43	536.18	8.18	0.60	44.41
Feb-04	2,250.5	1,434.6	283.6	2,440.4	515.64	765.48	1.66	538.07	8.56	0.65	46.17
Mar-04	2,591.8	1,689.8	322.3	3,025.6	508.76	798.34	1.81	540.20	9.60	0.66	48.83
Apr-04	2,605.8	1,731.7	279.7	2,683.0	574.57	845.74	1.79	541.36	9.48	0.63	49.25
May-04	2,969.9	1,863.3	390.2	2,945.7	628.52	882.13	1.61	528.97	8.06	0.61	55.52
Jun-04	2,871.8	1,865.2	383.0	2,865.8	577.01	883.84	1.66	532.62	7.96	0.62	51.62
Jul-04	2,783.6	1,829.7	340.5	2,802.0	555.22	871.16	1.69	526.25	8.34	0.59	53.79
Aug-04	2,813.9	1,841.5	349.5	2,828.9	599.48	847.40	1.69	525.31	8.74	0.58	58.95
Sep-04	2,639.0	1,749.3	328.1	2,877.9	543.45	807.45	1.69	521.92	8.24	0.57	59.17
Oct-04	2,545.2	1,639.8	288.1	2,862.2	425.21	745.67	1.70	524.29	8.85	0.60	66.25
Nov-04	2,440.7	1,576.9	275.0	2,875.3	376.76	703.29	1.67	525.54	8.95	0.60	57.96
Dec-04	2,483.5	1,531.9	313.9	2,515.9	430.35	741.22	1.73	538.58	8.66	0.66	52.82
Jan-05	2,407.3	1,538.5	264.3	2,520.7	447.25	767.06	1.76	519.58	8.10	0.69	57.39
Feb-05	2,491.7	1,620.3	298.8	2,674.2	516.94	785.95	1.82	524.69	8.71	0.74	59.47
Mar-05	2,693.3	1,793.6	305.4	3,034.8	507.11	788.03	1.86	528.16	8.83	0.75	66.05
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.90	530.57	8.80	0.73	65.56
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 7,592.3	t 4,952.4	t 868.5	t 8,229.7	a 490.43	a 780.35	a 1.84	a 525.75	a 8.61	a 0.73	a 62.12
% change	10.1	10.3	1.8	8.1	0.3	2.2	9.7	-2.4	-3.9	14.6	31.7
Last 12 months	31,745.7	20,581.7	3,816.5	33,486.4	515.16	805.75	1.73	527.21	8.52	0.65	58.71
Previous 12	27,792.8	18,443.8	3,571.1	31,109.2	415.77	741.85	1.31	514.77	7.50	0.56	43.12
% change	14.2	11.6	6.9	7.6	23.9	8.6	32.0	2.4	13.7	15.5	36.2
% ch. year ago	3.9	6.1	-5.2	0.3	-0.3	-1.3	6.1	-2.0	-7.2	15.9	33.1
% ch prev mnth	8.1	10.7	2.2	13.5	-1.9	0.3	2.2	0.5	-0.3	-2.7	-0.7





6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

Period	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada) Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Housing Starts All Areas	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada) Vancouver	Victoria	MLS® Average Sale Price
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2001	4,954,772	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	90.9	86.2	220,952
2002	5,659,415	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	93.2	89.3	238,758
2003	6,394,238	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
Jan-03	481,441	319,116	18,846	107,332	36,147	19.2	94.2	91.6	242,202
Feb-03	399,519	282,881	11,044	73,104	32,490	26.0	95.0	92.2	252,186
Mar-03	536,734	419,344	10,789	79,820	26,781	24.8	95.3	92.8	252,979
Apr-03	521,648	331,637	36,824	98,387	54,800	24.2	95.6	93.9	250,071
May-03	498,262	359,113	13,091	98,525	27,533	20.9	96.4	94.2	250,522
Jun-03	479,935	342,127	16,070	84,186	37,552	22.8	96.5	95.7	256,107
Jul-03	592,734	384,395	35,241	107,044	66,054	30.2	96.7	96.8	255,162
Aug-03	517,403	365,844	16,783	92,399	42,377	27.3	96.5	98.1	264,008
Sep-03	712,974	485,325	23,417	108,930	95,302	31.9	96.6	98.7	267,870
Oct-03	532,720	392,589	30,595	82,263	27,273	33.7	97.1	99.7	271,750
Nov-03	530,766	373,473	20,284	110,006	27,003	26.4	97.5	100.4	278,780
Dec-03	590,101	458,338	11,040	87,629	33,094	27.2	97.6	100.9	276,371
Jan-04	640,322	473,262	6,975	137,537	22,548	32.8	99.0	101.4	274,852
Feb-04	625,773	492,787	24,844	98,213	9,929	29.5	99.2	101.5	282,348
Mar-04	575,877	435,899	15,345	96,286	28,347	31.8	99.7	102.6	286,844
Apr-04	586,608	459,848	13,719	93,903	19,138	38.5	100.1	103.7	291,398
May-04	579,501	441,574	17,612	84,062	36,253	33.6	100.9	104.4	289,975
Jun-04	1,028,549	775,697	48,218	142,886	61,748	30.9	101.0	105.0	287,188
Jul-04	607,230	440,474	27,024	68,784	70,948	29.1	101.1	105.8	281,599
Aug-04	608,297	412,654	37,720	118,517	39,406	37.6	101.8	107.0	284,685
Sep-04	716,017	550,565	28,060	101,576	35,816	33.6	101.9	107.3	288,340
Oct-04	531,157	422,713	14,598	78,441	15,405	26.1	102.0	107.0	301,576
Nov-04	791,418	566,501	68,221	92,032	64,664	34.6	102.5	107.1	296,667
Dec-04	647,976	396,963	25,714	115,788	109,511	34.6	102.7	107.8	303,977
Jan-05	652,427	467,530	20,733	110,574	53,590	28.3	102.7	108.4	292,931
Feb-05	800,047	555,395	14,641	192,150	37,861	31.7	102.8	109.3	312,594
Mar-05	941,745	521,327	29,436	285,419	105,563	35.0	102.8	109.9	320,262
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	31.3	-	-	323,674
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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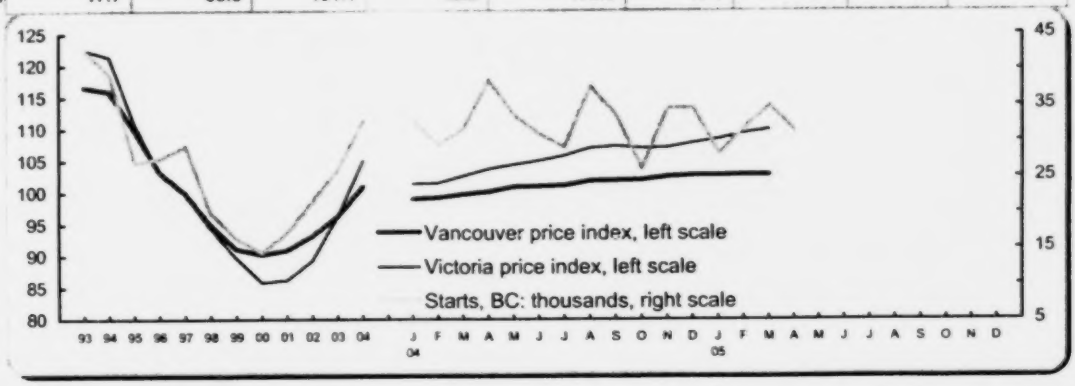
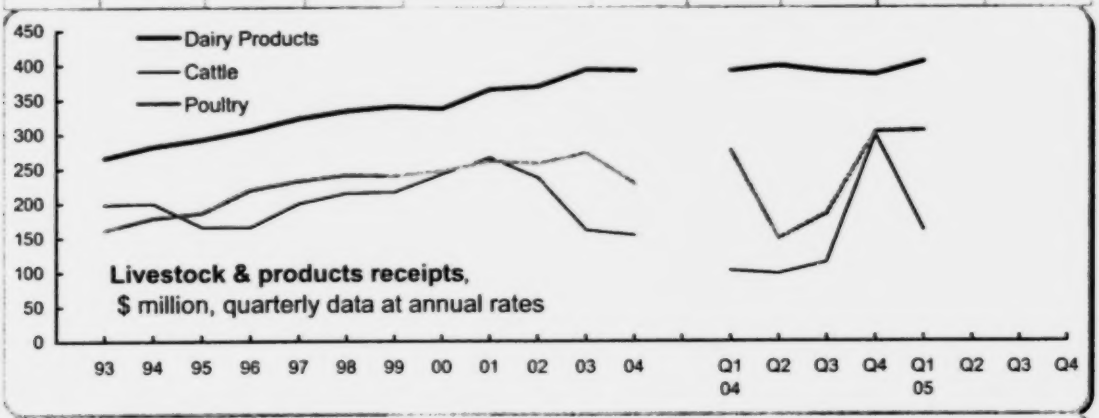
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 2,394,219	t 2,113,836	t 64,810	t 588,143	t 197,014	a 31.6	a 102.8	a 109.2	a 312,365
% change	30.0	26.9	37.4	77.1	223.9	-4.8	3.5	7.2	10.0
Last 12 months	8,490,972	8,386,463	345,696	1,484,132	649,903	32.2	101.9	106.9	298,622
Previous 12	6,818,515	6,796,942	250,509	1,201,405	471,812	29.4	97.4	98.7	271,334
% change	24.5	23.4	38.0	23.5	37.7	9.5	4.6	8.3	10.1
% ch. year ago	63.5	63.7	91.8	196.4	272.4	-18.7	3.1	7.1	11.1
% ch prev mnth	17.7	68.5	101.1	48.5	178.8	-10.6	0.0	0.5	1.1

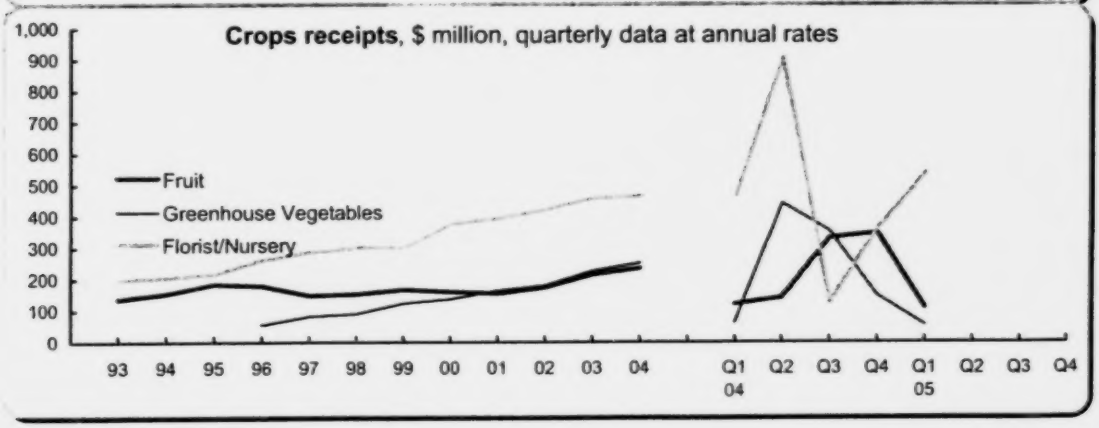


7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total Farm Cash Receipts
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2001	364,478	265,941	260,897	279,450	1,170,766	154,782	163,835	394,354	280,866	993,837	2,224,466
2002	368,630	237,188	257,753	265,738	1,129,309	173,978	180,247	423,694	258,557	1,036,476	2,196,700
2003	393,102	160,867	272,982	255,113	1,082,064	215,266	226,209	459,247	241,248	1,141,970	2,283,440
2004	391,731	153,401	228,431	237,290	1,010,853	235,706	251,881	465,365	251,242	1,204,194	2,402,599
Q1-03	97,255	57,247	63,149	60,059	277,710	26,237	14,310	114,810	57,550	212,907	498,408
Q2-03	99,044	32,438	69,928	49,232	250,642	32,295	99,781	223,474	42,324	397,874	652,885
Q3-03	98,158	17,693	71,786	57,342	244,979	75,319	79,048	30,509	65,794	250,670	506,763
Q4-03	98,645	53,489	68,119	88,480	308,733	81,415	33,070	90,454	75,580	280,519	625,384
Q1-04	97,946	25,616	68,963	59,672	252,197	30,324	15,765	116,340	59,660	222,089	500,939
Q2-04	99,669	24,544	37,232	42,108	203,553	35,427	110,673	226,609	40,913	413,622	654,544
Q3-04	97,554	28,587	46,248	48,761	221,150	82,908	88,300	31,553	73,798	276,559	511,575
Q4-04	96,562	74,654	75,988	86,749	333,953	87,047	37,143	90,863	76,871	291,924	735,541
Q1-05	101,163	40,258	76,285	51,086	268,792	27,520	13,771	134,858	56,962	233,111	543,061
Q2-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 101,163	t 40,258	t 76,285	t 51,086	t 268,792	t 35,220	t 13,771	t 134,858	t 49,262	t 233,111	t 543,061
% change	3.3	57.2	10.6	-14.4	6.6	-6.6	-12.6	15.9	-5.7	5.0	8.4
Last 4 quarters	394,948	168,043	235,753	228,704	1,027,448	232,902	249,887	483,883	248,544	1,215,216	2,444,721
Previous 4	393,793	129,236	278,796	254,726	1,056,551	219,353	227,664	460,777	243,358	1,151,152	2,285,971
% change	0.3	30.0	-15.4	-10.2	-2.8	6.2	9.8	5.0	2.1	5.6	6.9
% ch. year ago	3.3	57.2	10.6	-14.4	6.6	-8.8	-12.6	15.9	-4.7	5.0	8.4
% ch. prev qtr	4.8	-46.1	0.4	-41.1	-19.5	-69.4	-62.9	48.4	-20.6	-20.1	-26.2





8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

Period	Timber Scaled	Production: Lumber	Production: Ply-wood	Production: News-print	Production: Other Paper	Production: Total Paper	Shipments: Market Pulp	Shipments: News-print	Shipments: Other paper	Shipments: Total
	Cubic metres (000s)		Cubic metres	Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2001	72,212	32,605.7	1,563,884	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,519	35,500.9	1,680,352	1,159	1,731	2,890	4,477	1,171	1,729	7,380
2003	61,925	35,423.3	1,733,080	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
2004	92,361	39,204.6	1,863,057	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
Jan-03	5,290	3,192.1	146,395	106	154	260	441	104	145	689
Feb-03	9,296	3,114.6	143,287	95	141	236	390	90	153	633
Mar-03	10,494	3,290.3	147,246	106	143	249	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,232.9	153,464	102	148	250	374	100	152	626
May-03	4,933	3,040.7	138,689	97	154	251	336	96	150	582
Jun-03	2,615	2,857.8	146,246	88	116	204	358	104	132	594
Jul-03	2,884	2,898.5	135,981	103	124	227	434	97	133	593
Aug-03	4,805	2,450.7	130,438	102	121	223	416	94	137	646
Sep-03	4,126	2,804.0	147,744	92	125	217	448	102	133	683
Oct-03	3,647	3,298.2	166,120	101	166	267	382	90	156	628
Nov-03	69	2,661.6	141,692	100	152	252	371	104	149	625
Dec-03	9,362	2,581.9	135,778	98	148	246	419	95	145	659
Jan-04	8,387	2,972.5	165,383	103	151	254	389	96	139	624
Feb-04	4,894	3,116.9	136,844	96	147	243	387	96	140	622
Mar-04	15,492	3,497.0	154,530	98	164	262	386	112	171	669
Apr-04	8,174	3,494.7	168,132	102	156	258	388	89	155	631
May-04	6,313	3,095.0	152,888	95	147	242	392	97	156	645
Jun-04	5,090	3,330.0	154,608	84	145	229	353	103	154	610
Jul-04	6,876	3,349.8	155,068	96	159	255	360	93	159	612
Aug-04	7,327	3,114.5	150,452	88	156	244	350	82	147	580
Sep-04	7,002	3,382.7	154,500	85	153	238	391	89	150	630
Oct-04	8,338	3,636.8	164,606	104	148	252	449	86	149	684
Nov-04	7,822	3,206.4	154,964	92	149	241	415	96	155	665
Dec-04	6,646	3,008.3	151,082	101	168	269	464	96	166	726
Jan-05	6,849	3,437.4	162,852	90	162	252	390	85	156	631
Feb-05	7,966	3,336.2	141,470	87	146	233	371	90	151	612
Mar-05	-	-	-	90	151	241	398	96	151	646
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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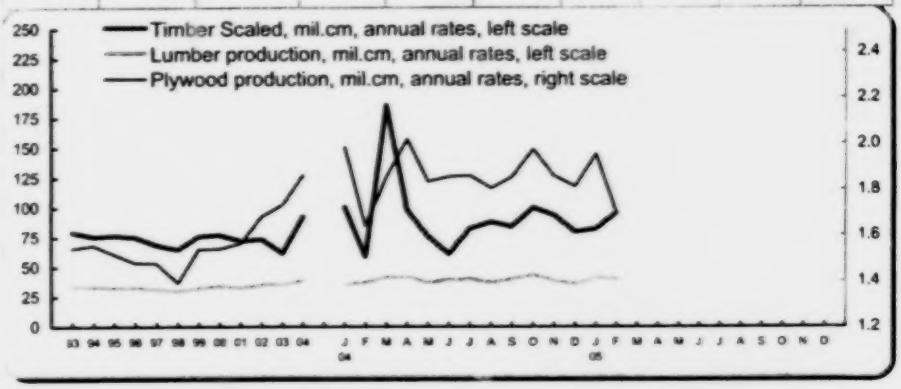
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 14,815	t 6,774	t 304,322	t 267	t 459	t 726	t 1,159	t 271	t 458	t 1,889
% change	11.6	11.2	0.7	-10.1	-0.6	-4.3	-0.3	-10.9	1.8	-1.4
Last 12 months	93,895	39,889	1,865,152	1,114	1,840	2,954	4,721	1,102	1,849	7,672
Previous 12	60,619	35,206	1,745,625	1,180	1,716	2,896	4,700	1,186	1,737	7,551
% change	54.9	13.3	6.8	-5.6	7.2	2.0	0.4	-7.1	6.4	1.6
% ch. year ago	62.8	7.0	3.4	-8.2	-7.9	-8.0	3.1	-14.3	-11.7	-3.4
% ch prev mnth	16.3	-2.9	-13.1	3.4	3.4	3.4	7.3	6.7	0.0	5.6



9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Statistics Canada (total) & Min. of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
Period	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,006.0	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	22,821.7	24,397.0	248.3	6.3	68.0	8.0	21.7	652.7	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
2003	-	-	23,061.0	247.9	6.3	64.0	9.7	22.3	660.7	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,050,922
2004	-	-	27,082.0	239.9	2.3	44.7	9.5	20.1	593.3	-	-	60,595,613
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,897.0	19.6	2.0	8.0	0.8	1.5	36.6	2,449.3	181.6	6,305,368
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.0	18.7	1.5	7.2	0.7	1.6	47.6	2,211.7	160.1	5,415,832
Mar-03	-	-	1,965.0	20.2	1.6	0.4	0.8	2.1	77.1	2,507.3	167.0	5,452,418
Apr-03	-	-	1,992.0	20.7	1.7	6.7	0.8	1.6	54.8	2,544.6	175.2	4,399,687
May-03	-	-	2,124.0	21.3	1.8	6.7	0.6	2.0	56.8	2,567.7	193.1	4,373,885
Jun-03	-	-	1,781.0	18.7	1.4	6.6	0.7	2.1	45.5	2,419.6	184.9	4,296,546
Jul-03	-	-	1,768.0	20.4	1.8	2.9	0.6	1.6	49.3	2,311.8	183.3	5,246,845
Aug-03	-	-	1,478.0	21.8	1.6	6.3	0.7	2.2	65.2	2,524.6	182.9	5,339,448
Sep-03	-	-	1,943.0	20.8	1.9	6.0	0.9	2.3	73.3	2,443.4	181.8	4,806,675
Oct-03	-	-	2,125.0	21.6	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.6	46.5	2,525.4	193.0	4,959,737
Nov-03	-	-	2,121.0	18.8	1.5	3.9	0.8	1.9	57.6	2,447.0	182.8	5,960,032
Dec-03	-	-	1,868.0	22.8	1.9	10.8	0.8	2.5	66.6	2,531.0	182.5	6,494,449
Jan-04	-	-	1,721.0	15.2	-	-	0.7	0.9	32.5	2,548.7	179.4	6,694,914
Feb-04	-	-	2,137.0	17.3	-	-	0.8	1.1	38.0	2,535.2	168.5	5,443,423
Mar-04	-	-	2,452.0	20.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	2.0	62.9	2,759.0	173.2	4,945,324
Apr-04	-	-	2,465.0	20.0	0.1	11.6	0.9	2.3	65.5	2,801.1	179.4	4,513,015
May-04	-	-	2,445.0	18.8	0.4	6.7	0.8	1.9	50.4	2,806.2	179.6	4,384,434
Jun-04	-	-	2,197.0	19.5	0.4	3.2	0.7	1.6	46.3	2,422.0	168.7	4,135,339
Jul-04	-	-	2,267.0	19.6	0.1	6.1	1.0	1.3	30.7	2,614.3	165.6	5,161,783
Aug-04	-	-	2,179.0	19.3	-	-	0.7	1.5	36.6	2,471.6	171.2	4,984,243
Sep-04	-	-	2,328.0	20.2	0.3	7.0	0.7	1.9	60.0	2,459.6	149.4	4,060,909
Oct-04	-	-	2,474.0	20.6	-	3.3	0.8	2.2	54.8	2,598.6	166.5	4,669,500
Nov-04	-	-	2,344.0	24.2	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.9	64.7	2,578.8	154.9	5,353,623
Dec-04	-	-	2,073.0	24.4	0.4	3.5	0.7	1.5	50.9	2,606.2	162.6	6,249,106
Jan-05	-	-	1,886.0	18.6	-	3.2	0.6	1.0	40.8	-	-	6,481,400
Feb-05	-	-	2,140.0	19.5	0.6	3.5	0.7	1.3	49.5	-	-	5,421,682
Mar-05	-	-	-	25.4	0.5	5.7	0.6	1.4	34.3	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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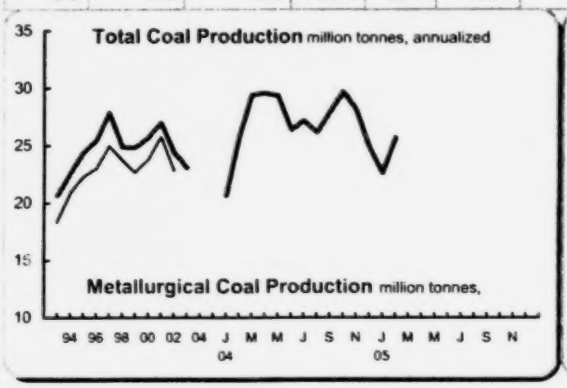
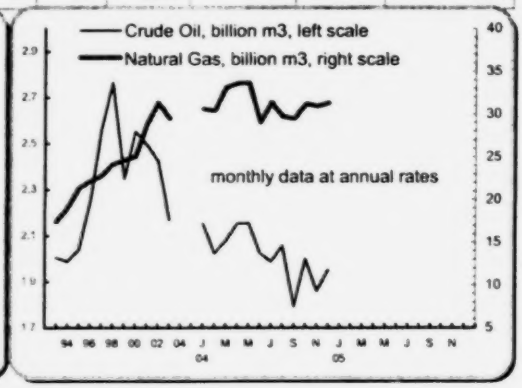
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-t-d, a-avg) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.8	t 4,026.0	t 63.5	t 1.1	t 12.4	t 1.9	t 3.7	t 124.6	t 31,201.3	t 2,019.0	t 11,903,082
% change	-10.2	5.5	4.4	19.1	447.0	4,033.3	-23.1	-8.7	-6.6	5.8	-6.9	-1.9
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	27,250.0	250.1	3.2	56.8	8.9	19.7	584.5	31,201.3	2,019.0	60,360,358
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	23,023.0	240.2	15.1	50.4	9.1	21.8	649.0	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,468,059
% change	15.8	-8.3	18.4	4.1	-79.0	12.7	-1.7	-9.5	-9.9	5.8	-6.9	-4.9
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	0.1	22.1	130.0	1,800.0	-32.2	-33.3	-45.5	3.0	-10.9	-0.4
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	13.5	30.3	-27.4	62.9	-7.6	7.1	-30.7	1.1	5.0	-16.4





10 Manufacturing — Durables, NAICS based

Period	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2001	38,281,059	21,619,091	10,816,922	1,057,070	1,697,983	1,539,078	1,448,553	-	1,670,882
2002	38,498,922	22,438,355	11,269,596	1,268,304	1,714,105	1,684,598	1,223,672	-	1,564,813
2003	37,222,910	20,793,748	9,913,006	1,415,721	1,721,456	1,837,105	1,101,172	-	990,928
2004	42,249,383	25,251,583	13,011,985	1,570,582	2,030,792	2,131,413	1,095,016	-	1,060,387
Jan-03	3,164,967	1,805,828	848,232	122,349	147,252	152,120	81,985	-	91,364
Feb-03	3,114,221	1,803,605	854,947	124,028	150,738	159,093	81,532	-	82,947
Mar-03	3,101,344	1,727,907	819,369	119,359	142,397	150,844	73,327	-	85,823
Apr-03	3,077,958	1,708,788	787,026	116,132	140,266	150,711	97,091	-	84,002
May-03	3,015,018	1,671,370	765,498	113,902	139,050	154,895	91,238	-	78,688
Jun-03	3,001,714	1,689,198	783,494	114,034	141,644	147,459	85,899	-	77,791
Jul-03	3,084,801	1,752,470	821,608	110,606	138,119	153,452	99,550	-	78,314
Aug-03	3,122,837	1,771,393	832,612	110,366	136,967	159,425	102,097	-	75,893
Sep-03	3,230,285	1,867,294	876,807	120,488	160,765	150,932	106,773	-	87,863
Oct-03	3,109,195	1,801,871	844,691	114,954	140,173	156,487	100,837	-	81,295
Nov-03	3,130,404	1,822,107	864,059	120,449	137,503	157,331	98,763	-	83,434
Dec-03	3,078,202	1,763,039	817,629	128,709	148,359	144,978	82,669	-	82,873
Jan-04	3,139,030	1,817,132	883,502	124,938	140,278	162,475	93,293	-	92,796
Feb-04	3,248,100	1,895,010	927,563	131,360	152,267	159,642	106,117	-	84,662
Mar-04	3,432,322	1,994,141	996,736	130,608	160,410	167,951	104,074	-	93,553
Apr-04	3,434,877	2,046,807	1,032,633	130,168	164,084	169,156	102,572	-	83,093
May-04	3,579,167	2,119,780	1,097,551	122,781	170,350	172,029	98,301	-	91,674
Jun-04	3,549,809	2,127,933	1,107,156	125,889	166,999	172,614	101,204	-	86,974
Jul-04	3,584,476	2,181,628	1,157,325	124,235	167,477	197,510	92,331	-	81,878
Aug-04	3,636,166	2,206,071	1,179,040	123,029	173,207	186,636	92,045	-	88,291
Sep-04	3,679,992	2,226,189	1,167,115	130,722	183,183	190,313	79,264	-	90,305
Oct-04	3,587,451	2,175,087	1,137,151	135,440	179,123	180,795	77,350	-	95,272
Nov-04	3,633,255	2,194,898	1,132,729	143,620	183,673	183,419	82,625	-	88,346
Dec-04	3,585,495	2,135,242	1,087,849	142,413	180,156	187,403	75,949	-	79,692
Jan-05	3,555,100	2,128,407	1,080,602	129,838	187,798	198,085	79,583	-	88,771
Feb-05	3,585,944	2,150,219	1,080,138	143,433	188,692	180,383	84,698	-	78,627
Mar-05	3,580,697	2,136,293	1,052,427	154,129	179,330	200,708	84,855	-	87,488
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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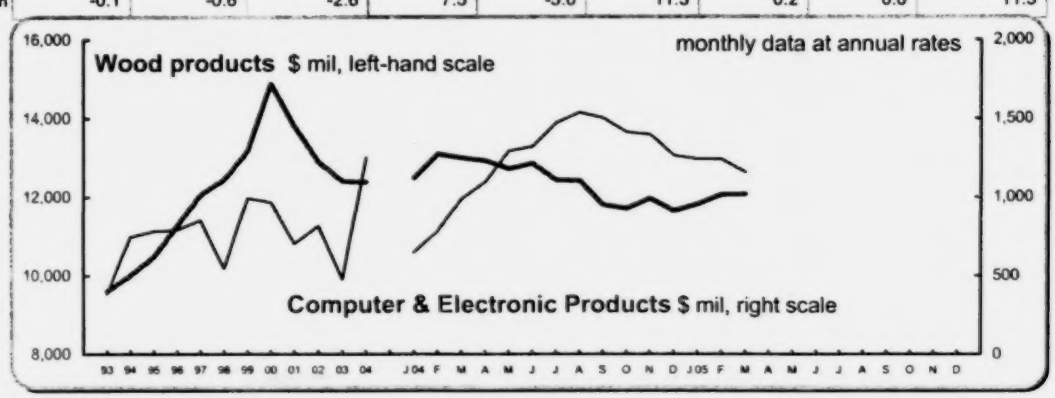
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 10,721,741	t 6,414,919	t 3,213,167	t 427,400	t 555,820	t 579,176	t 249,138	t 0	t 254,886
% change	9.2	12.4	14.4	10.5	22.7	18.2	-17.9	0.0	-5.9
Last 12 months	42,992,429	25,828,554	13,311,716	1,605,697	2,124,072	2,219,051	1,050,777	0	1,040,411
Previous 12	37,669,866	21,553,813	10,201,225	1,436,546	1,735,801	1,865,738	1,168,401	0	1,001,164
% change	14.1	19.8	30.5	11.8	22.4	18.9	-10.1	0.0	3.9
% ch. year ago	4.3	7.1	5.6	18.0	11.8	19.5	-18.5	0.0	-6.5
% ch prev mnth	-0.1	-0.6	-2.6	7.5	-5.0	11.3	0.2	0.0	11.3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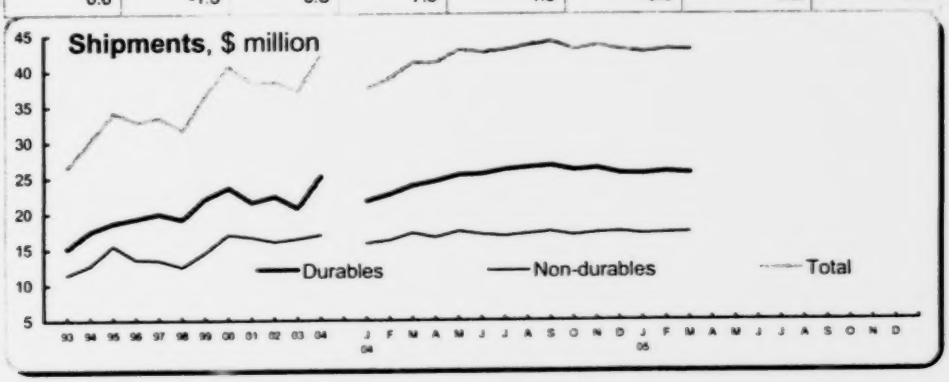
11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

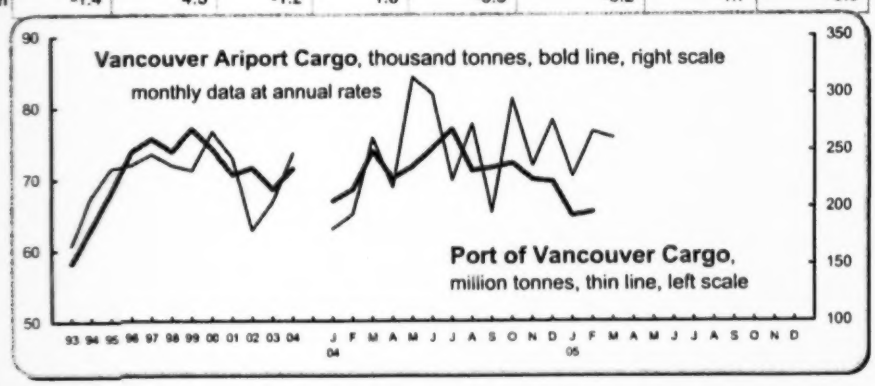
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
2001	16,661,964	4,504,561	992,470	6,264,089	908,529	-	1,000,572	1,051,738
2002	16,060,566	4,725,249	1,087,141	5,497,354	828,868	-	1,016,553	1,054,264
2003	16,429,161	4,889,680	1,091,227	5,651,945	758,499	-	1,083,911	1,155,869
2004	16,997,799	5,023,079	1,129,515	5,875,939	779,365	-	1,269,970	1,142,016
Jan-03	1,359,139	422,828	95,107	474,258	64,092	-	90,343	93,212
Feb-03	1,310,616	404,816	91,314	437,486	64,376	-	93,025	96,900
Mar-03	1,373,437	407,343	90,549	503,421	61,437	-	88,018	96,742
Apr-03	1,369,170	409,493	90,356	493,698	59,123	-	98,169	95,853
May-03	1,343,648	397,871	95,027	486,279	58,329	-	91,857	97,108
Jun-03	1,312,516	401,080	89,283	459,710	63,011	-	85,500	100,325
Jul-03	1,332,331	409,401	84,762	470,456	60,696	-	89,356	101,010
Aug-03	1,351,444	407,509	87,981	478,760	73,482	-	92,420	95,943
Sep-03	1,362,991	411,263	90,344	497,849	63,947	-	88,287	94,718
Oct-03	1,307,324	408,216	96,176	442,615	61,903	-	86,386	96,182
Nov-03	1,308,297	406,167	88,030	448,053	64,497	-	91,309	94,456
Dec-03	1,315,163	402,826	92,630	459,360	63,535	-	89,655	93,890
Jan-04	1,321,898	412,249	93,619	435,968	59,535	-	88,490	91,308
Feb-04	1,353,090	406,961	93,618	464,758	60,324	-	90,087	97,267
Mar-04	1,438,181	414,487	96,015	525,889	61,368	-	92,989	96,456
Apr-04	1,388,070	404,158	96,916	471,237	62,990	-	103,461	94,895
May-04	1,459,387	404,991	91,919	552,154	62,735	-	105,011	87,795
Jun-04	1,421,876	406,055	92,267	517,195	64,914	-	110,402	88,695
Jul-04	1,402,848	407,340	91,411	493,422	64,333	-	109,085	95,391
Aug-04	1,430,095	424,087	91,150	496,665	69,573	-	107,249	96,838
Sep-04	1,453,803	429,723	95,590	501,032	69,546	-	110,992	99,110
Oct-04	1,412,364	427,514	93,548	462,606	67,053	-	114,842	98,711
Nov-04	1,438,357	440,779	95,252	465,844	66,926	-	114,909	98,387
Dec-04	1,450,253	433,133	96,269	489,169	62,974	-	116,010	98,456
Jan-05	1,426,693	438,987	94,255	458,214	68,315	-	109,517	103,052
Feb-05	1,435,725	439,078	99,534	451,519	67,586	-	123,412	105,111
Mar-05	1,444,404	432,567	100,356	485,481	68,813	-	123,691	102,204
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 4,306,822	t 1,310,632	t 294,145	t 1,395,214	t 204,714	t 0	t 356,620	t 310,367
% change	4.7	6.2	3.8	-2.2	13.0	0.0	31.3	8.9
Last 12 months	17,163,875	5,088,412	1,138,467	5,844,538	795,758	0	1,348,581	1,168,645
Previous 12	16,116,053	4,887,523	1,097,841	5,663,395	749,750	0	1,084,505	1,154,516
% change	6.5	4.1	3.7	3.2	6.1	0.0	24.3	1.2
% ch. year ago	0.4	4.4	4.5	-7.7	12.1	0.0	33.0	6.0
% ch prev mnth	0.6	-1.5	0.8	7.5	1.8	0.0	0.2	-2.8



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,721	2,518
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
2004	70,289	3,283	73,574	233,809	7,986	11,181	3,797	2,572
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,478	271	5,750	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	4,919	238	5,156	19,895	715	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	5,136	287	5,423	19,217	784	1,650	492	388
Sep-03	5,131	266	5,397	18,472	636	948	334	227
Oct-03	6,493	264	6,757	19,606	636	833	296	209
Nov-03	6,096	268	6,364	18,614	524	647	239	112
Dec-03	5,901	239	6,140	19,235	626	688	235	138
Jan-04	4,971	277	5,249	17,140	552	556	207	96
Feb-04	5,155	262	5,417	17,999	571	620	232	117
Mar-04	6,045	267	6,312	20,772	619	771	278	167
Apr-04	5,499	240	5,739	18,801	606	862	305	209
May-04	6,725	295	7,020	19,659	666	965	319	241
Jun-04	6,522	299	6,821	20,993	705	993	333	240
Jul-04	5,550	270	5,819	22,369	794	1,450	442	386
Aug-04	6,175	300	6,475	19,347	831	1,560	477	381
Sep-04	5,155	288	5,444	19,580	711	1,025	356	260
Oct-04	6,523	247	6,770	19,898	680	905	311	207
Nov-04	5,703	285	5,989	18,692	569	660	250	121
Dec-04	6,266	253	6,519	18,559	683	814	287	147
Jan-05	5,592	275	5,866	16,061	627	539	204	96
Feb-05	6,110	279	6,388	16,321	605	602	228	121
Mar-05	6,023	291	6,313	-	-	842	297	194
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	790	292	182
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 17,725	t 845	t 18,567	t 32,382	t 1,232	t 2,773	t 1,021	t 592
% change	9.6	4.8	9.4	-7.8	9.7	-1.3	-0.1	0.6
Last 12 months	71,843	3,322	75,163	231,052	8,095	11,145	3,796	2,576
Previous 12	65,468	3,221	68,690	219,270	7,339	10,878	3,705	2,506
% change	9.7	3.1	9.4	5.4	10.3	2.5	2.5	2.8
% ch. year ago	-0.4	9.0	0.0	-9.3	6.0	-8.4	-4.3	-13.2
% ch prev mnth	-1.4	4.3	-1.2	1.6	-3.5	-6.2	-1.7	-6.5

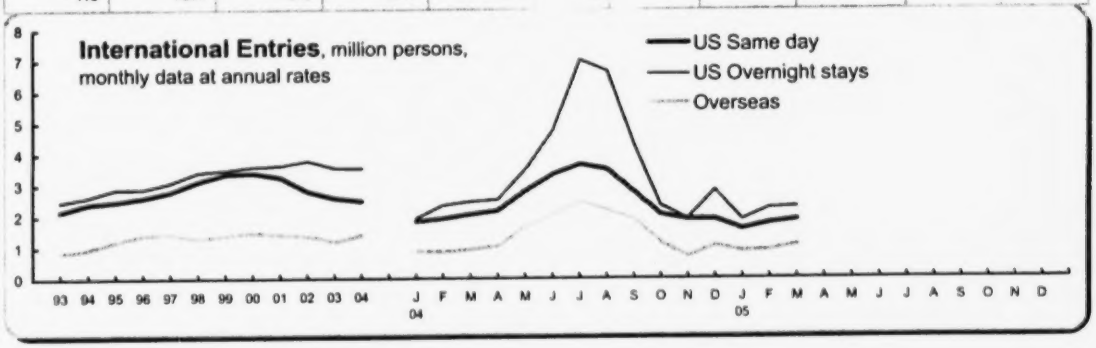


13 Service Sector — Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS

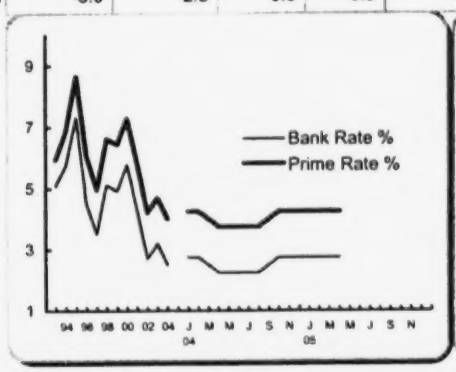
Period	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Interntl
	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,808,063	3,787,823	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	58.9	107,107	256,945	1,506,188	3,855	3,600
2003	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
2004	2,493,755	3,545,340	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.6	104,551	249,553	-	3,965	3,775
Jan-03	182,091	182,462	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.1	1,525	14,300	129,901	292	289
Feb-03	166,881	210,112	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.3	4,125	23,500	130,186	277	240
Mar-03	171,047	203,096	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.8	18,947	23,200	123,630	314	274
Apr-03	183,054	195,417	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.7	9,239	14,790	120,236	244	203
May-03	234,763	286,647	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.2	13,589	19,050	121,068	299	200
Jun-03	265,979	395,933	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,769	20,100	117,524	366	249
Jul-03	300,416	561,027	861,443	163,394	1,024,837	71.2	1,530	2,490	118,486	453	314
Aug-03	321,846	625,664	947,510	171,241	1,118,751	79.2	828	20,000	124,802	482	375
Sep-03	236,533	315,978	552,511	137,493	690,004	66.8	10,223	20,400	120,160	321	312
Oct-03	178,405	193,284	371,689	82,542	454,231	56.7	29,509	27,754	125,706	248	276
Nov-03	172,458	161,031	333,489	59,676	393,165	48.1	8,557	10,804	125,815	233	229
Dec-03	167,223	226,093	393,316	87,208	480,524	43.9	834	1,000	129,166	285	279
Jan-04	152,888	161,360	314,248	72,760	387,008	45.2	1,872	8,678	130,346	289	295
Feb-04	160,414	195,702	356,116	71,414	427,530	55.3	16,716	10,940	129,430	286	249
Mar-04	171,802	205,608	377,410	78,220	455,630	61.1	12,755	57,100	128,374	320	280
Apr-04	180,945	210,875	391,820	87,463	479,283	60.9	4,842	37,000	132,649	291	271
May-04	233,539	290,863	524,402	139,800	664,202	64.9	12,522	32,400	132,038	320	319
Jun-04	278,468	397,347	675,815	169,481	845,296	69.9	10,893	17,009	132,869	373	355
Jul-04	305,426	584,473	889,899	206,851	1,096,750	77.3	4,582	7,200	134,222	453	397
Aug-04	292,117	554,526	846,643	181,621	1,028,264	77.7	2,800	12,500	129,229	474	421
Sep-04	231,639	356,069	587,708	159,323	747,031	72.3	6,272	20,760	135,402	345	358
Oct-04	170,695	194,714	365,409	94,030	459,439	58.7	26,572	13,800	133,636	265	302
Nov-04	157,896	158,592	316,488	59,092	375,580	49.3	3,524	7,866	135,449	248	238
Dec-04	157,926	235,211	393,137	88,599	481,736	46.6	1,201	24,300	138,475	299	290
Jan-05	131,560	156,325	287,885	72,030	359,915	45.3	3,655	11,800	135,608	314	307
Feb-05	146,726	187,966	334,692	75,675	410,367	57.6	6,517	9,300	-	288	265
Mar-05	155,995	190,677	346,672	90,157	436,829	61.8	6,628	42,375	-	-	-
Apr-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 685,240	t 284,009	t 969,249	t 237,862	t 1,207,111	a 54.9	t 16,800	t 63,475	t 135,608	t 602	t 572
% change	-1.1	-20.0	-7.5	7.0	-5.0	1.9	-46.4	-17.3	4.0	4.8	5.0
Last 12 months	2,442,932	3,517,638	5,960,570	1,424,122	7,384,692	61.9	90,008	236,310	1,597,381	3,992	3,802
Previous 12	2,545,781	3,523,744	6,069,525	1,205,563	7,275,088	58.8	114,421	213,106	1,487,125	3,820	3,256
% change	-4.0	-0.2	-1.8	18.1	1.5	5.1	-21.3	10.9	7.4	4.5	16.8
% ch. year ago	-5.2	-11.6	-8.1	15.3	-4.1	1.1	-48.0	-25.8	4.0	0.9	6.1
% ch prev mnth	-1.0	10.1	3.6	19.1	6.4	7.3	1.7	355.6	-2.1	-8.1	-13.8

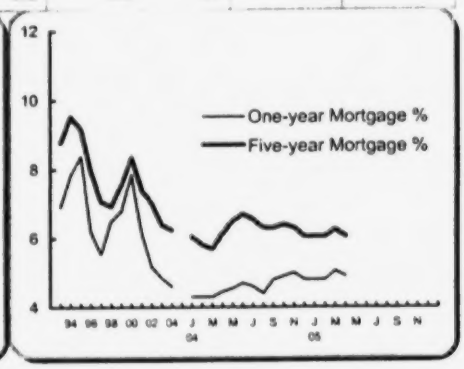


14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
					Conventional Mortgage		US	Average	Can. Trade
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Five year Rate	One year Rate	Federal Funds	Noon Spot Rate-US$	Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	87.04
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	92.47
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	9,021.5	6,983.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
Jul-03	9,233.8	7,257.9	3.25	4.75	6.20	4.55	1.04	1.3815	88.16
Aug-03	9,415.8	7,510.3	3.25	4.75	6.35	4.55	1.00	1.3957	87.40
Sep-03	9,275.1	7,421.1	3.00	4.50	6.30	4.55	1.00	1.3632	89.23
Oct-03	9,801.1	7,772.7	3.00	4.50	6.40	4.55	1.00	1.3218	91.48
Nov-03	9,782.5	7,859.4	3.00	4.50	6.50	4.75	0.99	1.3126	92.09
Dec-03	10,453.9	8,220.9	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.75	0.96	1.3128	91.65
Jan-04	10,488.1	8,521.4	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.30	1.02	1.2960	92.54
Feb-04	10,583.9	8,788.5	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.30	1.00	1.3290	90.19
Mar-04	10,357.7	8,585.9	2.50	4.00	5.70	4.30	1.01	1.3284	90.55
Apr-04	10,225.6	8,244.0	2.25	3.75	6.15	4.45	1.00	1.3425	89.74
May-04	10,188.5	8,417.3	2.25	3.75	6.50	4.55	0.99	1.3783	87.57
Jun-04	10,435.5	8,545.6	2.25	3.75	6.70	4.70	1.11	1.3577	88.68
Jul-04	10,139.7	8,458.1	2.25	3.75	6.55	4.60	1.26	1.3219	91.00
Aug-04	10,173.9	8,377.0	2.25	3.75	6.30	4.40	1.51	1.3118	91.80
Sep-04	10,080.3	8,668.3	2.50	4.00	6.30	4.80	1.76	1.2878	93.52
Oct-04	10,027.5	8,871.0	2.75	4.25	6.40	4.90	1.74	1.2469	96.36
Nov-04	10,428.0	9,030.1	2.75	4.25	6.30	5.00	2.00	1.1961	99.92
Dec-04	10,783.0	9,246.7	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2191	97.74
Jan-05	10,489.9	9,204.1	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2253	97.41
Feb-05	10,766.2	9,668.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.52	1.2397	96.40
Mar-05	10,503.8	9,612.4	2.75	4.25	6.25	5.05	2.77	1.2161	98.17
Apr-05	10,192.5	9,369.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.90	2.74	1.2360	96.82
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 10,488.1	a 9,463.5	a 2.75	a 4.25	a 6.10	a 4.89	a 2.58	a 1.2293	a 97.20
% change	0.7	10.9	7.3	4.6	3.0	12.7	155.6	-7.1	7.1
Last 12 months	10,350.7	8,955.7	2.56	4.06	6.29	4.78	1.91	1.2697	94.62
Previous 12	9,790.8	7,835.4	2.98	4.48	6.15	4.58	1.04	1.3433	90.06
% change	5.7	14.3	-14.0	-9.3	2.2	4.3	84.0	-5.5	5.1
% ch. year ago	-0.3	13.7	22.2	13.3	-1.6	10.1	174.0	-7.9	7.9
% ch prev mnth	-3.0	-2.5	0.0	0.0	-3.2	-3.0	-1.1	1.6	-1.4





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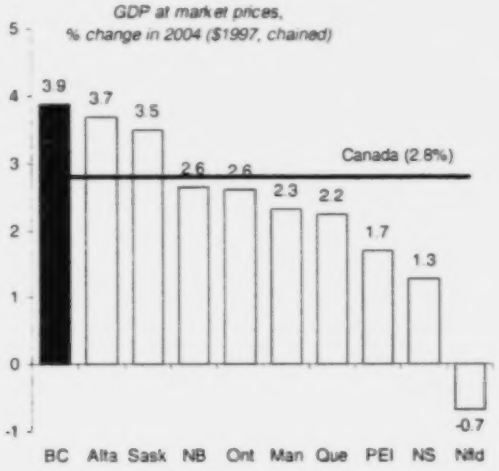
BC led the provinces for the first time since 1987



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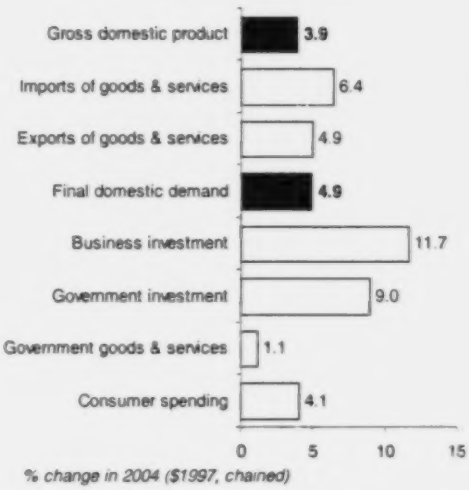
British Columbia's economy picked up speed in 2004, outperforming every other province[1] during the year. Real gross domestic product (GDP) expanded 3.9%[2], considerably more than the national average (+2.8%). Alberta (+3.7%) and Saskatchewan (+3.5%) also posted solid growth in 2004, but last year's strong performance catapulted British Columbia to the front of the pack for the first time since 1987.

Domestic demand for goods and services still the main engine of growth

Many factors contributed to the improvement in the province's economic fortunes during 2004. Robust domestic demand was a key element in the overall strength of the economy, as was a rebound in BC's export markets.

Final domestic demand (consumer, business a7nd government spending on goods and services, plus investment in fixed capital) increased 4.9% during the year. BC's hot housing market, which affected both the level of consumer spending and business investment, was a key driving factor.

Rising imports tempered the effect of strong domestic and external demand for BC products



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GDP is equal to final domestic demand (consumer, business and government spending and investment) plus inventories, and exports minus imports

[1] Northwest Territories actually recorded the strongest growth in the country (+4.2%) last year, but its small size means that year-to-year changes are very volatile (ranging from +4.1% to +21.2% during the last five years). Comparisons among regions have been limited to the provinces.

[2] Unless otherwise noted, all of the figures quoted in this paper are in constant ($1997, chained), or "real" dollars. The data comes from Statistics Canada, primarily from Catalogue 13-213.

Despite strong export growth, trade with other provinces and countries continued to act as a brake on the economy, since exports did not increase fast enough to offset a growing appetite for imported goods and services.

Because many of the goods consumed in the province are not produced in British Columbia, only a portion of the economic activity associated with increased spending on these commodities benefits domestic industries—those that handle or transport the goods in question. This means that the positive effect of robust domestic demand is diluted when the demand is largely satisfied using imported goods or services.

Consumer spending was robust

Consumer expenditures, accounting for about 60% of total domestic demand, rose 4.1%, as purchases of most types of goods and services increased significantly. Investment in consumer durables, often seen as a bellwether of confidence in the economy, was up 4.7%. Sales of furniture, appliances and similar consumer durables increased significantly. This was almost certainly a by-product of an active real estate market, as individuals who move house often invest in new furnishings and accessories. Spending on semi-durable (+5.4%) and non-durable (+3.3%) goods continued to increase. Consumer purchases of services advanced 4.1% during the year. Both paid and imputed[3] rent costs rose, reflecting the effect of a strong housing market. Paid and imputed rent accounts for nearly a quarter of total consumer spending in the province.

[3] Imputed rent is an estimate of the rental income foregone by homeowners who reside in their homes. It is an important component of consumer expenditures, unincorporated business income, and the GDP of the finance, insurance and real estate industry.

High fuel prices didn't keep people off the roads, but they're buying smaller vehicles

High fuel prices had an effect on consumer spending patterns, but it was not as profound as might be thought. In real terms, spending on natural gas and heating fuels declined, suggesting that consumers may have reacted to higher prices by conserving energy. However, other factors such as weather conditions may also have influenced the demand for heating fuels.

High prices didn't keep people from gassing up their vehicles. Even with the effects of price increases factored out, sales of gasoline and motor fuels[4] were up for the second year in a row.

Retailers of new and used vehicles did not fare well in 2004 as the value of sales declined for the second year in a row. The extent to which gas prices may have contributed to the slump is unknown. Whatever the cause, consumer preferences for vehicles are shifting away from trucks and vans and back to cars. Trucks and vans dominated the new vehicle market during the late 1990s, but since 2003, sales of these vehicles have slipped back behind new car sales, possibly because fuel efficiency is becoming more of an issue for purchasers of new vehicles.

Business investment soared as the housing boom continued unabated

Business investment in fixed capital was a major factor in the province's strong economic performance last year. Overall, investment by the business sector increased 11.7% during 2004.

The housing boom continued unchecked as new starts climbed to record levels. Work began on nearly 33,000 new housing units last year, more than double the number in 2000.

[4] This includes purchases by residents as well as visitors to BC who filled up their gas tanks while they were in the province.

Residential investment climbed to new highs

Data Source: Statistics Canada

The frenetic pace of new housing construction continued as spending on residential structures advanced 14.8%, reaching record-high levels after four straight years of similarly strong growth. The value of new housing construction rose more than twenty percent. Spending on alterations and improvements was somewhat more restrained, but still grew at double-digit rates. Real estate commissions from the transfer of ownership of existing dwellings were also up.

Businesses invested heavily in new machinery and equipment, with spending increasing by a fifth (+20.0%) during 2004. A stronger Canadian dollar may have been a factor in these investment decisions, since much of the equipment is imported. However, other factors such as generally favourable economic conditions and strong demand for BC products would also have played a role in decisions to replace or upgrade existing equipment. Business investment in commercial and industrial buildings and other types of infrastructure slipped 4.2%, reversing the gain made in 2003.

The value of inventories continued to rise, as the volume of production continued to outpace growth in demand for BC goods.

Governments held the line on current spending, but invested in infrastructure

Governments held the line on purchases of goods and services, which advanced 1.1% in 2004. Federal government spending increased, but the provincial and local government sectors (including hospitals, schools and post-secondary institutions) were more restrained.

Government investment in fixed capital rose a substantial 9.0%, primarily due to spending on new buildings, roads, and other infrastucture (+13.8%). However, purchases of machinery and equipment fell 3.0%.

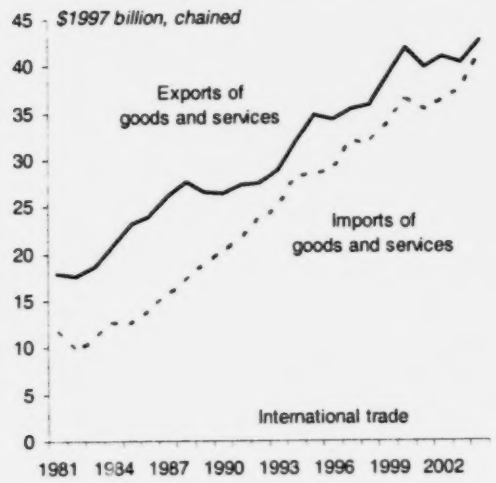
Trade deficit grows as exports recover, but imports soar

Both international and interprovincial exports increased in 2004, as external demand for BC goods and services was robust. However, the value of imported goods purchased in 2004 rose even more, and the external sector once again acted as a drag on the economy. The increase in international imports alone was more than enough to offset the boost provided by both international and interprovincial exports last year.

Exports to other countries advanced 5.8% during 2004. The growth in international exports was primarily concentrated in the goods sector, which expanded 6.1% to $33.8 billion. Exports of wood and paper products were particularly strong. Service exports rose 1.7% during 2004, largely because of strong growth in exports of transportation services.

A high Canadian dollar made international imports less costly for BC consumers and businesses, and purchases of goods and services produced outside the country rose sharply (+10.4%) during 2004.

International trade deficit looming?



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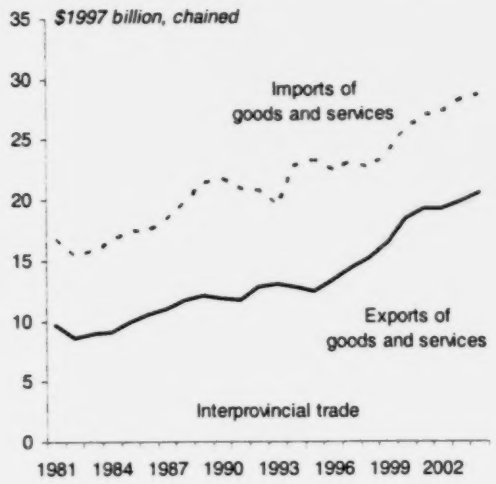
Interprovincial trade deficit remains large



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Spending on imported goods jumped 10.6%, as purchases of electrical equipment, fuel, machinery and other products increased at rates that were well into the double-digits. The value of service imports rose 8.1%.

The province's international exports continue to outweigh the value of its imports, but the size of the surplus has been dwindling. It became even smaller in 2004. On the other hand, the interprovincial trade deficit shrank slightly.

BC's exports to other provinces expanded 3.3% in 2004, largely due to solid growth in service exports (+3.9%). Services dominate our trade with other provinces, accounting for just over $11 billion of the total value of interprovincial exports ($20.6 billion) in 2004. Exports of financial and wholesaling services were particularly robust.

Imports from other provinces rose only modestly (+1.8%) in 2004. Service imports (+4.1%) grew faster than imports of goods (+0.7%) produced in other provinces.

Goods industries ramp up production; services post slower, but steady, growth

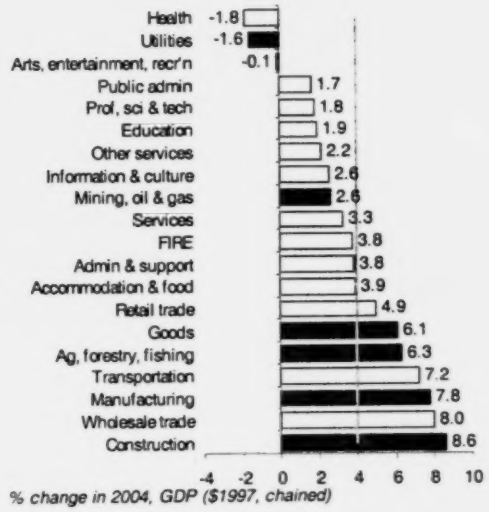
For the second year in a row, goods industries (+6.1%) outperformed the service sector (+3.3%), growing nearly twice as fast as the service industries. Three of the five fastest-growing industries in the province were the in goods sector.

Logging and forestry services expanded 15.9%, as the industry was kept busy supplying fibre to BC mills. High metal and fuel prices continued to revive interest in mineral exploration activity, and support services for mining (mineral exploration, drilling for oil and gas, and similar activities) increased 13.1% after more than doubling in 2003. The construction industry grew 8.6%, largely because the residential construction industry expanded 19.6% to reach a record high of $2.9 billion in 2004. Non-residential construction activity increased only modestly.

Overall, the manufacturing sector expanded 7.8% last year, posting the strongest gain since 2000. The strength in manufacturing was largely concentrated in the wood industry, which benefitted from strong housing starts in BC as well as other regions of North America. Wood prices rebounded

in 2004, following four years of decline. Even with the price effect factored out, and despite the crippling duties imposed by the US on softwood lumber imports, real GDP in the wood industry increased 16.0% in 2004. Producers of paper products posted a more modest gain of 2.1%.

Goods industries surged ahead



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Other industries within the manufacturing sector also made notable gains. The chemicals, machinery, primary & fabricated metals and furniture industries expanded at double-digit rates, while the computer & electronic products industry continued to recover from a slump that began in 2001. However, producers of food, beverages, clothing and textiles experienced a downturn in 2004.

Despite the avian flu situation, and continued pressure on the cattle industry as a result of the closure of some international markets for Canadian cattle, BC's agriculture industry posted solid growth in 2004. Producers of field, tree, greenhouse crops and aquaculture products made substantial gains.

The news was not entirely good, however. Some industries struggled through the year. Commercial fishing, utilities and arts, recreation & entertainment contracted, as did the health care sector. High prices boosted the value of mineral, especially metal, production in the province, but the increase in value was largely price, rather than volume, driven.

The building boom in the province extended its reach to other industries in the province, and contributed to strong gains in the wholesale sector, where GDP expanded 8.0%. Wholesalers of lumber and millwork, metal products and computers and electronics had a particularly good year.

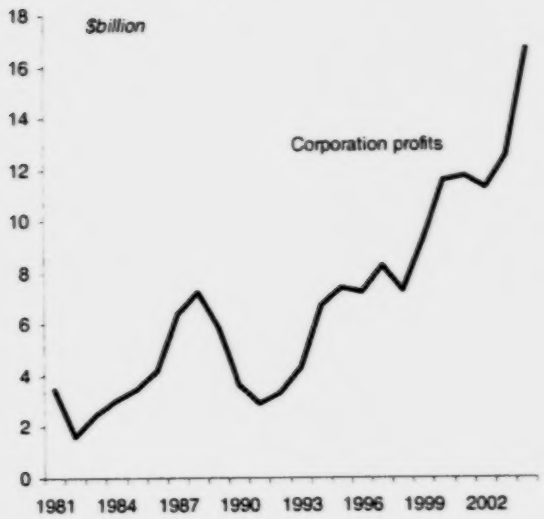
Activity in the retail industry was more muted, but here too the effect of the construction boom was evident. Cash registers were busy at furniture, appliance and household furnishings stores. However, business was slow for retailers of new and used cars, shoes, sporting goods and computers & electronics.

Tourism back on track?

The slowdown in tourism activity that began early in the decade and was exacerbated by the terrorist attacks of 9/11 (and other subsequent events) showed signs of abating. The transportation industry recovered from a slump in 2003, expanding 7.2%. Some of the increase was related to the movement of goods (both water and truck transport, and related services, made notable gains in 2004), but passenger transportation also experienced an upturn as tourism-related transportation services rebounded from a slow year in 2003. The accommodation and food services industry grew for the second year in a row.

Individuals, businesses and governments all benefited from a robust economy

Record-high corporation profits



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Corporation profits reach new highs

Corporation profits soared to new highs, rising to $16.7 billion[5] in 2004, a 32.9% increase. Corporation profits have more than doubled since the mid-1990s. Interest and other investment earnings of individuals, businesses and governments were 8.3% higher than in 2003.

Workers took home more cash...

With more people employed in a strong economy, workers were able to cash in on the demand for labour. Total compensation (wages, salaries and benefits) increased 4.5% last year, the strongest gain since 2000, when labour income advanced 6.8%. Self-employed and other unincorporated business (non-farm) income was up 5.0%. Here too, construction and manufacturing industries contributed much of the increase, together with net (paid and imputed) rental income.

...and government coffers swelled

The government got in on the action as well, receiving 4.5% more in indirect taxes (net of subsidies) on factors of production, and 6.9% more from taxes on products–including GST, PST, and various excise taxes.

Higher profits and earnings mean higher tax revenues, and government coffers swelled as money poured in from businesses and individuals. Total revenues of federal, provincial and local governments increased an estimated 6.9% last year, well in excess of the demand on the public purse for transfer and similar payments. Public debt interest payments continued to decline as government surpluses, together with relatively low interest rates, put less stress on the public purse. As a result, the overall savings of the government sector increased significantly during the year.

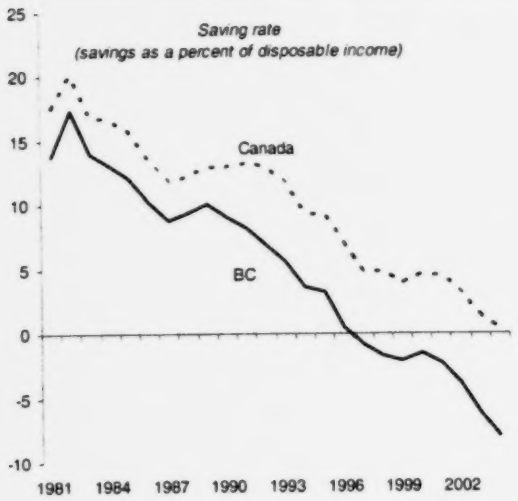
Personal income rises, but saving rate continues to plunge

Personal income rose 4.1% in 2004, reflecting strong gains in earned and investment income, together with more modest increases in transfers from government during the year. After-tax income increased slightly less (+4.0%) largely because taxes took a bigger bite out of the consumer purse. Although tax rates were stable, consumers who earned more income also paid more into government coffers.

Consumers don't seem to be focussing a great deal on expanding the size of their nest eggs. Personal spending on goods and services rose substantially more (+5.7%) than after-tax income, and for the eighth year in a row, the personal sector posted an overall net deficit. The total amount of dissaving in 2004 was $7.4 billion, and the province's saving rate reached a new low of –7.9% (down from –6.1% in 2003). BC is the only province where spending exceeds income to such a great extent.

BC's saving rate continued to plummet

[5] Data on incomes, as well as government revenue and expenditure are reported in current dollars.



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Saskatchewan is the only other province that has had a similarly long run of dissaving. However, the extent of dissaving in BC has been growing steadily since 2000. In Saskatchewan, the tide appears to be turning. Last year the saving rate in Saskatchewan was –2.3%, a significant improvement over 2003, when it bottomed at –5.2%.

BC is not the only spendthrift province. Canada's saving rate dropped to 0.4%, and six provinces posted negative saving rates last year. Alberta is the only province where the saving rate remains relatively solid, at 4.4% in 2004, up from 4.2% in the previous year.

Of course, the saving rate does not portray a completely accurate picture of consumer behaviour, since a negative rate does not necessarily mean that consumers are living on borrowed funds. With a large senior population–and an influx of immigrants, particularly those in the entrepreneurial category–some of the dissaving could be due to these people supplementing their income by divesting themselves of some of their stored wealth: savings, mutual funds, privately held RRSPs, or property. Only the income that is earned in the current year is counted in personal income (and it does not include the value of assets that change hands).

Still, a persistently negative saving rate is cause for concern because transferring the value of assets into income that is used to support current expenditures is not sustainable in the long run. How long the situation can last is anybody's guess.

2004 was a good year, but the province still faces some challenges

2004 was a good year for British Columbia, and most of the economic indicators bear out the fundamental strength that characterized the economy last year. While that is good news, there are still a number of troubling signs.

A growing trade deficit and the decline in the saving rate are cause for concern

The trade deficit is growing, and domestic spending, particularly on housing, remains a major source of economic growth. The building boom cannot continue indefinitely, and when the market for new housing begins to soften, one of the underpinnings of the current strong economy will be weakened. The long-run decline in saving rates–with BC leading the country in a downward spiral–is also not sustainable for an indefinite period. Finally, many of the goods industries that boosted economic growth in 2004 are in the resource sector and are, by nature, volatile. Further diversification of the economy, and development of industries that can support steady long-term growth is vital to the future growth of the province's economy.

Real per capita GDP is still below average...

Real per capita GDP slipped below the national average in 1997 and has remained there since. The province continued to lose ground until 2003, when the size of the gap began to shrink. Last year, real per capita GDP in BC increased 2.8%, to $33,072. This

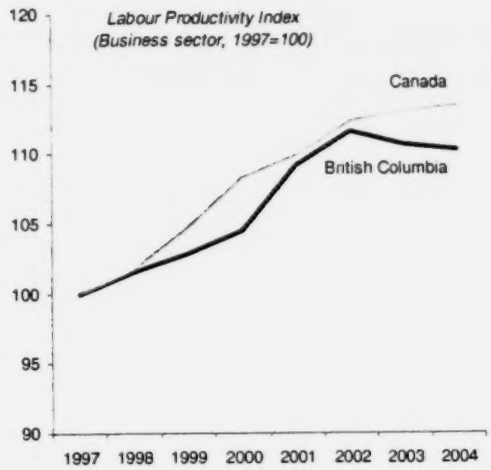
was $2,194 less than the national average ($35,266).

...and labour productivity remains an issue

Labour productivity also remains an issue in British Columbia. Productivity gains are a key factor in long-term economic growth, since the ability to make more effective use of labour and capital means that output can be increased without using more raw materials, labour or capital inputs.

Productivity growth in this province has consistently lagged behind the national average. Last year, real output per hour worked in the business sector[6] slipped (-0.4%), with the average worker contributing $31.45 to the province's GDP for every hour spent on the job[7]. This suggests that the strong economic growth experienced during the last two years was largely due to increased use of labour and capital inputs, rather than improved efficiency of production. Furthermore, as is the case for real per capita GDP, labour productivity in BC remains well below the national average. Canada-wide, labour productivity averaged $33.75 in 2004, with output per worker hour ranging from a low of $20.40 in PEI to a high of $36.25 in Alberta.

Lagging productivity growth remains a cause for concern



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Although 2004 was a stellar year, the late 1990s and the early part of this decade were a period of slow growth in BC, and as a result the province lost some ground relative to the rest of Canada. Between 1994 and 2002, British Columbia's economy expanded 23%, a full ten percentage points less than the national increase (33%). Manitoba and Saskatchewan were the only provinces that experienced slower growth during this period. Ontario (+38%) and Newfoundland (+36%) posted the strongest gains.

BC's strong performance during the last two years has improved the province's position, but long-run growth remains weak compared to other key players in the national economy. British Columbia will have to chalk up a few more stellar performances to make up all the lost ground, but last year's solid growth is cause for some optimism.

[6] The business sector includes all industries except education, hospitals, public administration and the implicit rental income on owner occupied dwellings. Public sector services are usually excluded from productivity measures because output measures for these industries are based on the cost of labour inputs. In the case of imputed rent, there is no associated labour input.

[7] This contribution is not entirely due to the worker's efforts, since labour productivity includes the effect of both labour and capital (machinery, equipment, buildings and other infrastructure) used in production.

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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted

Ave: average

bd ft: board feet

C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen

Can: Canada, Canadian

GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9

m3: cubic metres

mil: million

MLS: Multiple Listing Service

Moly: molybdenum

mth: month (as in: previous mth)

NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System

SA: seasonally adjusted

T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange

US: United States of America

WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Labour Force Activity					Earnings		Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits	
	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Wages and Salaries	Average Weekly Wage Rate	Number of Beneficiaries	$
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
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2003	2,190.5	2,014.2	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,310.1	683.82	813,520	1,059,531.1
2004	2,219.2	2,059.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	68,101.6	686.61	737,780	960,359.7
Jan-03	2,153.1	1,981.9	8.0	64.8	32.3	5,427.1	682.07	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,169.1	1,994.0	8.1	65.3	32.7	5,416.9	681.94	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,181.1	2,013.2	7.7	65.6	32.8	5,394.7	681.83	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,183.5	2,008.8	8.0	65.5	28.9	5,405.2	679.75	71,440	86,968.3
May-03	2,183.0	1,998.9	8.4	65.5	33.2	5,402.8	684.26	66,040	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,175.2	1,999.8	8.1	65.2	33.6	5,402.5	686.74	60,670	89,008.4
Jul-03	2,196.6	2,009.1	8.5	65.7	31.6	5,436.7	685.72	64,540	75,483.9
Aug-03	2,193.9	2,011.8	8.3	65.6	30.5	5,430.6	687.79	67,120	83,006.1
Sep-03	2,209.6	2,013.3	8.9	65.9	33.3	5,482.5	690.66	54,170	87,528.0
Oct-03	2,213.8	2,041.4	7.8	66.0	29.7	5,500.8	683.81	58,550	66,990.2
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Dec-03	2,215.0	2,057.1	7.1	65.9	32.9	5,517.3	678.46	73,050	92,179.5
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Feb-04	2,202.0	2,030.1	7.8	65.4	33.4	5,595.3	685.65	76,980	109,369.0
Mar-04	2,203.6	2,033.5	7.7	65.3	31.5	5,618.3	677.70	72,950	94,275.5
Apr-04	2,199.1	2,033.2	7.5	65.1	31.1	5,647.0	676.04	65,970	79,729.2
May-04	2,214.6	2,048.3	7.5	65.5	33.4	5,642.0	673.81	59,490	87,371.7
Jun-04	2,234.1	2,071.1	7.3	66.0	33.9	5,672.6	678.14	52,460	65,468.6
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Aug-04	2,227.6	2,062.1	7.4	65.6	31.0	5,696.5	688.27	58,430	85,782.8
Sep-04	2,218.7	2,069.5	6.7	65.2	34.1	5,705.5	697.88	46,790	61,903.3
Oct-04	2,231.2	2,079.4	6.8	65.5	30.2	5,729.8	704.09	49,490	62,134.7
Nov-04	2,220.9	2,076.8	6.5	65.1	30.6	5,733.1	700.51	57,360	73,706.0
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Jan-05	2,236.9	2,091.7	6.5	65.4	32.9	5,769.1	708.09	73,320	105,871.9
Feb-05	2,258.1	2,099.8	7.0	66.0	33.9	5,832.0	704.90	68,190	84,184.6
Mar-05	2,248.2	2,101.0	6.5	65.6	33.8	5,861.5	698.01	61,980	78,729.6
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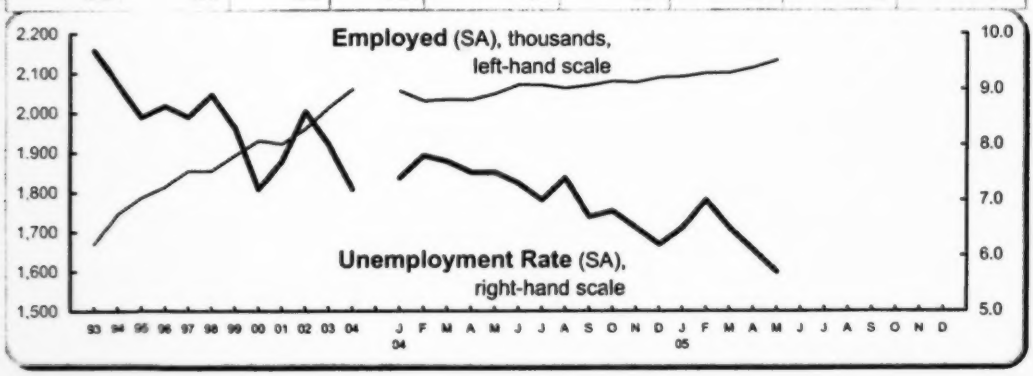
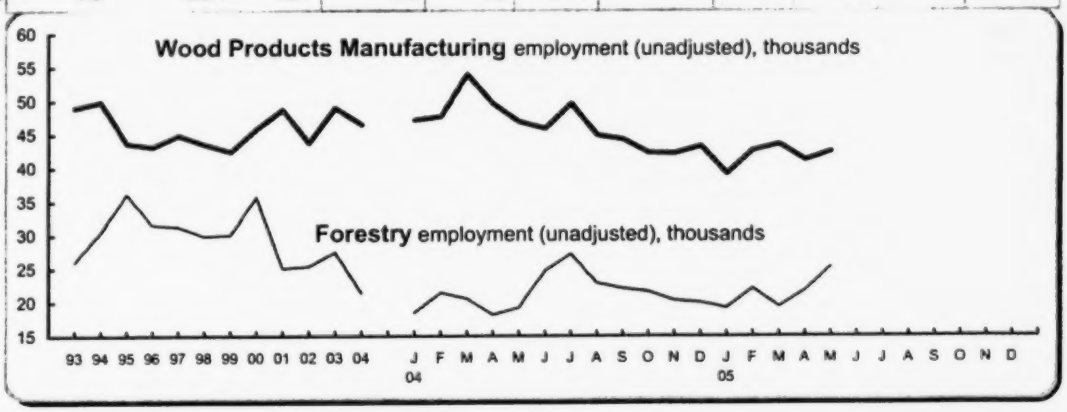
May-05	2,261.4	2,132.0	5.7	65.7	33.8	-	698.81	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,251.1	a 2,107.8	a 6.4	a 65.7	a 33.7	t 17,462.6	a 702.07	a 65,250	t 339.9
% change	2.0	3.3	n/a	n/a	4.1	4.1	3.5	-12.2	-11.9
Last 12 months	2,236.9	2,088.1	6.6	65.6	32.8	68,796.4	696.40	58,468	914,629.0
Previous 12	2,204.4	2,030.9	7.9	65.6	31.9	65,839.1	682.30	67,255	1,048,734.7
% change	1.5	2.8	n/a	n/a	2.9	4.5	2.1	-13.1	-12.8
% ch. year ago	2.1	4.1	n/a	n/a	1.2	4.3	3.7	-12.8	-10.8
% ch prev mnth	0.5	0.8	n/a	n/a	-0.9	0.5	-0.2	-7.2	-9.7



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

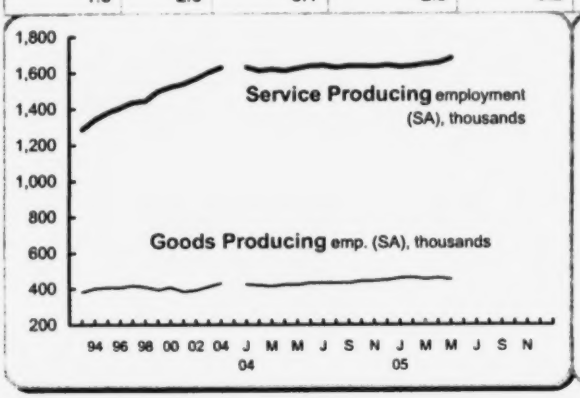
	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
Period	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2001	383.9	25.8	25.1	4.8	11.4	10.9	110.8	22.1	48.8	15.0	195.1
2002	392.3	29.6	25.4	3.1	9.2	11.3	117.4	23.6	43.8	17.0	196.4
2003	411.7	32.3	27.5	4.5	13.2	11.1	117.4	27.0	49.0	14.4	205.7
2004	431.0	36.7	21.4	2.9	11.0	9.0	141.7	25.3	46.5	11.9	208.4
Jan-03	404.6	31.6	27.8	5.2	7.4	11.3	115.1	24.6	45.5	17.9	202.6
Feb-03	409.7	33.1	27.7	3.7	11.5	12.0	115.8	25.5	50.1	15.4	204.1
Mar-03	424.4	34.7	27.2	3.8	14.7	12.6	121.5	22.2	51.4	15.5	208.2
Apr-03	408.9	32.4	26.0	1.9	13.8	11.6	110.3	24.0	50.3	14.6	206.8
May-03	413.9	31.9	26.2	2.4	18.0	11.3	113.9	24.5	53.4	14.7	208.6
Jun-03	411.3	30.5	28.6	4.5	14.5	11.1	116.3	25.3	51.8	17.0	206.3
Jul-03	412.4	31.2	32.9	4.2	15.7	10.6	117.7	26.5	50.2	16.1	205.4
Aug-03	408.0	32.2	27.7	6.2	11.3	10.8	117.1	28.9	46.5	15.2	206.3
Sep-03	407.6	31.4	28.9	5.6	12.7	10.8	116.9	27.6	43.9	12.7	203.8
Oct-03	415.6	31.9	28.1	6.5	15.1	10.9	119.8	32.3	48.5	12.9	206.3
Nov-03	413.8	35.1	25.4	6.3	10.5	10.8	121.3	30.8	50.2	11.4	204.5
Dec-03	411.3	32.8	23.3	3.8	12.7	9.4	122.4	31.8	46.5	9.5	206.1
Jan-04	425.2	35.6	18.5	5.0	10.8	9.2	131.8	36.3	47.2	10.5	211.3
Feb-04	419.6	36.5	21.5	3.2	11.1	8.3	126.4	27.6	47.7	10.9	211.0
Mar-04	415.6	35.3	20.6	3.0	8.9	9.4	131.2	24.3	54.0	9.4	205.9
Apr-04	422.7	37.0	18.2	2.7	8.4	10.0	134.6	23.7	49.6	10.3	207.5
May-04	423.0	39.3	19.2	3.5	10.2	10.4	134.0	22.6	46.9	14.2	205.3
Jun-04	433.2	39.3	24.7	2.9	10.1	10.4	141.1	21.7	45.9	14.5	205.2
Jul-04	431.5	37.1	27.2	2.5	9.8	9.1	140.5	18.5	49.6	13.4	209.5
Aug-04	433.3	36.1	22.9	3.6	10.5	10.1	143.2	22.1	44.9	11.8	209.6
Sep-04	432.7	33.3	22.1	2.5	11.0	8.5	148.3	22.2	44.3	11.3	208.9
Oct-04	442.6	37.4	21.6	2.4	13.0	8.0	153.7	26.8	42.3	12.7	208.7
Nov-04	443.8	35.4	20.3	1.6	13.3	7.1	155.6	29.3	42.2	11.2	210.5
Dec-04	448.1	38.8	20.0	2.6	14.9	7.5	156.8	28.4	43.3	13.2	208.2
Jan-05	460.4	40.6	19.2	-	13.8	8.0	166.2	33.0	39.2	12.5	208.8
Feb-05	463.1	41.8	22.1	1.6	12.6	9.3	168.9	33.2	42.7	12.5	205.6
Mar-05	454.0	41.3	19.4	-	14.5	10.1	168.2	30.2	43.6	12.9	198.5
Apr-05	459.9	42.6	21.8	-	12.0	10.3	173.0	26.7	41.2	13.8	194.1
May-05	452.7	38.8	25.3	3.0	12.5	12.8	166.0	27.4	42.5	13.7	193.6
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 458.0	a 41.0	a 21.6	a 0.9	a 13.1	a 10.1	a 168.5	a 30.1	a 41.8	a 13.1	a 200.1
% change	8.7	11.6	10.0	-73.6	32.4	6.8	28.0	11.9	-14.8	18.3	-3.9
Last 12 months	446.3	38.5	22.2	1.9	12.3	9.3	156.8	26.6	43.5	12.8	205.1
Previous 12	415.5	34.1	24.4	4.5	11.8	10.1	124.1	28.1	48.6	12.5	206.6
% change	7.4	13.1	-9.0	-58.3	4.3	-8.6	26.3	-5.4	-10.5	2.3	-0.7
% ch. year ago	7.0	-1.3	31.8	-14.3	22.5	23.1	23.9	21.2	-9.4	-3.5	-5.7
% ch prev mnth	-1.6	-8.9	16.1	0.0	4.2	24.3	-4.0	2.6	3.2	-0.7	-0.3

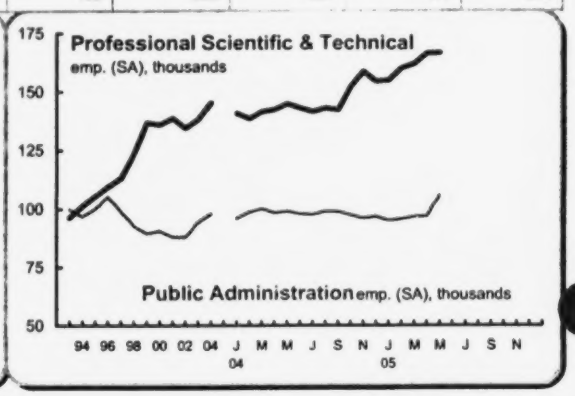


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2001	1,538.2	304.0	112.6	122.1	138.6	138.4	197.9	105.3	164.2	88.0
2002	1,567.9	323.4	112.2	125.7	134.5	137.5	211.6	105.8	162.4	87.8
2003	1,602.5	329.5	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.4	213.5	107.1	161.9	94.1
2004	1,628.7	320.6	117.7	131.5	145.2	135.1	219.5	111.4	174.8	97.9
Jan-03	1,577.3	338.8	117.3	128.7	130.5	142.9	206.0	101.2	157.3	89.0
Feb-03	1,584.3	333.3	117.8	128.8	130.5	144.5	213.5	100.5	156.4	93.2
Mar-03	1,588.8	328.3	120.4	128.1	134.4	146.9	211.6	101.3	159.7	88.4
Apr-03	1,600.0	332.1	120.6	129.9	134.0	141.8	215.4	106.6	157.3	89.1
May-03	1,585.0	325.3	120.9	122.9	131.9	141.1	215.1	110.1	156.6	90.3
Jun-03	1,588.5	326.0	115.9	126.8	134.2	137.0	216.9	107.5	159.5	94.4
Jul-03	1,596.7	324.5	113.8	124.4	141.4	140.3	214.1	109.3	160.8	97.8
Aug-03	1,603.8	325.4	119.1	122.9	145.3	140.3	210.3	107.4	165.3	94.1
Sep-03	1,605.7	331.4	114.4	123.9	143.7	131.9	211.2	112.2	167.5	96.0
Oct-03	1,625.9	330.9	117.4	125.4	145.0	140.8	213.6	108.9	166.6	99.6
Nov-03	1,623.9	328.3	119.9	127.2	143.2	136.9	214.5	108.1	166.5	98.4
Dec-03	1,645.8	328.5	123.5	126.4	143.8	139.3	220.0	110.7	169.3	97.4
Jan-04	1,629.8	339.6	119.7	128.2	140.8	138.7	215.6	109.1	163.6	95.9
Feb-04	1,610.6	325.5	116.3	124.4	138.5	137.3	212.5	111.7	168.3	98.6
Mar-04	1,617.9	331.2	112.9	129.8	141.5	132.4	220.7	108.3	168.3	100.1
Apr-04	1,610.4	320.0	117.0	131.7	142.4	132.4	218.6	105.4	173.3	98.3
May-04	1,625.3	322.8	117.9	131.8	144.8	136.9	217.2	104.7	170.7	98.9
Jun-04	1,637.9	321.3	123.1	129.9	143.0	137.0	224.4	112.3	176.5	97.9
Jul-04	1,638.9	324.6	124.4	127.9	141.5	134.9	221.6	113.0	177.7	97.6
Aug-04	1,628.8	316.4	118.3	138.5	143.0	128.1	218.5	116.6	177.0	99.0
Sep-04	1,636.7	314.2	118.0	132.3	142.2	138.6	226.3	115.1	178.2	98.8
Oct-04	1,636.8	311.4	118.3	134.3	152.0	135.0	217.7	115.7	179.4	97.3
Nov-04	1,633.0	310.3	113.3	133.1	158.5	136.2	218.4	111.4	181.6	96.0
Dec-04	1,641.3	311.9	113.0	136.1	154.3	133.2	222.7	112.8	182.7	96.7
Jan-05	1,631.2	318.8	115.0	131.0	154.8	134.1	215.6	109.5	178.4	95.0
Feb-05	1,636.8	322.4	114.5	133.2	160.1	138.5	216.3	105.3	166.0	95.6
Mar-05	1,647.0	327.6	114.9	139.9	161.9	138.7	212.6	98.6	166.9	96.6
Apr-05	1,654.3	322.3	111.5	136.5	166.3	146.2	210.5	99.7	178.1	96.9
May-05	1,679.2	328.9	118.3	139.6	166.6	148.6	205.2	97.0	180.1	105.6
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,649.7	a 324.0	a 114.8	a 136.0	a 161.9	a 141.2	a 212.0	a 102.0	a 173.9	a 97.9
% change	1.9	-1.2	-1.6	5.3	14.4	4.2	-2.2	-5.4	3.0	-0.4
Last 12 months	1,641.8	319.2	116.9	134.4	153.7	137.4	217.5	108.9	176.9	97.8
Previous 12	1,615.4	327.8	117.3	126.9	142.1	137.0	215.4	108.6	166.6	97.5
% change	1.6	-2.6	-0.4	5.9	8.2	0.3	1.0	0.3	6.1	0.3
% ch. year ago	3.3	1.9	0.3	5.9	15.1	8.5	-5.5	-7.4	5.5	6.8
% ch prev mnth	1.5	2.0	6.1	2.3	0.2	1.6	-2.5	-2.7	1.1	9.0

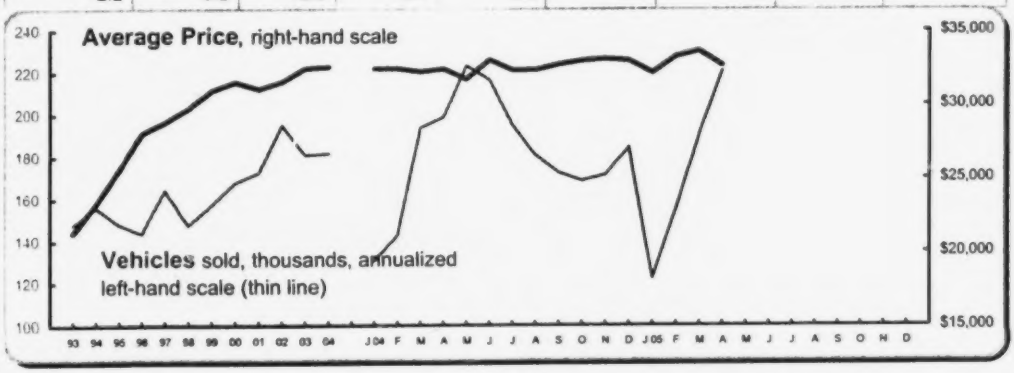




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

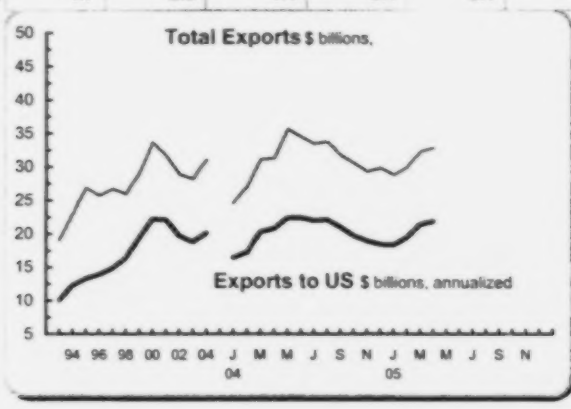
	Business				Consumer				
			Bankruptcies			Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Business Incorporations	Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada: Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA		Unadjusted	
2001	35,884.7	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	40,718.9	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	38,467.9	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	43,265.0	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
2003	39,910.7	23,243	1,002	9,385	120.4	44,421.0	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
2004	43,856.9	25,428	922	8,378	122.8	47,216.6	2,750.8	181,605	5,907,610
Jan-03	3,478.7	2,122	101	731	119.0	3,695.4	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	3,450.7	1,804	93	857	119.6	3,733.6	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	3,403.0	1,952	103	879	120.6	3,600.8	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	3,264.9	1,844	92	862	120.4	3,635.9	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	3,242.6	1,747	68	761	120.4	3,648.3	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	3,196.9	2,047	93	840	120.2	3,659.9	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	3,229.5	1,837	81	821	120.5	3,688.7	197.8	16,982	546,553
Aug-03	3,193.2	1,818	61	684	120.9	3,809.1	214.1	15,961	516,156
Sep-03	3,306.8	2,056	87	767	121.2	3,726.9	197.6	14,310	482,072
Oct-03	3,320.3	2,023	75	827	120.6	3,711.1	211.5	13,784	455,682
Nov-03	3,390.7	2,050	73	709	120.8	3,747.4	253.9	14,389	460,714
Dec-03	3,433.3	1,943	75	655	120.9	3,764.0	370.8	14,242	471,844
Jan-04	3,396.3	2,115	79	665	120.8	3,780.9	162.3	10,894	353,088
Feb-04	3,391.6	2,015	71	757	121.3	3,790.0	168.7	11,896	385,560
Mar-04	3,496.5	2,045	89	877	121.6	3,895.5	191.2	16,155	520,301
Apr-04	3,624.4	2,109	94	730	122.4	3,901.9	213.5	16,582	537,134
May-04	3,625.7	2,156	73	692	123.4	3,917.2	220.2	18,600	589,843
Jun-04	3,658.3	2,337	75	832	123.6	3,943.1	223.2	18,040	595,439
Jul-04	3,794.5	2,075	68	618	123.4	3,986.5	228.5	16,246	524,992
Aug-04	3,804.1	2,031	74	610	123.3	3,972.2	227.6	15,073	487,328
Sep-04	3,747.8	2,022	57	681	123.5	3,997.9	224.6	14,388	470,545
Oct-04	3,825.7	2,015	79	684	123.5	4,029.0	235.7	14,063	463,546
Nov-04	3,724.6	2,109	81	643	123.7	4,008.3	259.9	14,293	472,926
Dec-04	3,767.4	2,399	81	597	123.5	3,994.2	395.4	15,375	506,908
Jan-05	3,676.7	2,141	52	665	123.6	3,983.5	179.1	10,199	327,696
Feb-05	3,828.7	2,223	70	798	123.8	4,097.4	176.7	12,920	429,511
Mar-05	3,977.0	2,450	74	742	124.1	4,128.6	214.9	15,901	534,497
Apr-05	3,887.9	2,442	64	741	124.9	4,134.1	224.0	18,393	599,968
May-05	-	2,437	-	-	125.2	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 15,370.2	t 11,693	t 260	t 2,946	a 124.3	t 16,343.6	t 794.7	t 57,413	t 1,891,672
% change	10.5	12.0	-21.9	-2.7	2.0	6.3	8.0	3.4	5.3
Last 12 months	45,318.4	26,681	848	8,303	123.8	48,191.9	2,809.9	183,491	6,003,199
Previous 12	40,222.2	24,214	946	9,093	121.2	45,123.7	2,590.0	179,619	5,836,760
% change	12.7	10.2	-10.4	-8.7	2.2	6.8	8.5	2.2	2.9
% ch. year ago	7.3	13.0	-31.9	1.5	1.5	6.0	4.9	10.9	11.7
% ch prev mnth	-2.2	-0.2	-13.5	-0.1	0.2	0.1	4.2	15.7	12.2

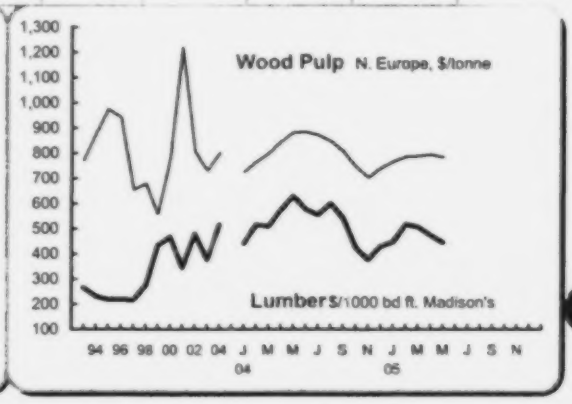


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

Period	BC Origin Exports to: Total All Countries	BC Origin Exports to: United States	BC Origin Exports to: Japan	Imports through BC ports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff): Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
	Unadjusted										
2001	31,679.7	22,104.4	4,066.1	31,640.7	344.86	1,218.08	1.11	419.83	6.79	7.45	40.08
2002	28,828.4	19,665.8	3,858.5	31,533.2	480.11	804.60	1.11	486.82	7.23	6.77	40.95
2003	28,191.7	18,792.3	3,649.4	31,263.0	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
2004	31,048.1	20,121.2	3,801.6	32,871.9	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
Jan-03	2,359.4	1,561.5	308.4	2,405.5	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	50.76
Feb-03	2,307.3	1,505.3	302.4	2,454.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	54.25
Mar-03	2,626.8	1,773.7	321.1	2,908.9	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	49.52
Apr-03	2,438.3	1,585.4	346.3	2,843.3	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	41.20
May-03	2,335.0	1,562.6	333.6	2,668.4	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	38.96
Jun-03	2,270.8	1,547.4	282.2	2,669.8	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	41.54
Jul-03	2,383.6	1,649.3	310.8	2,527.1	380.61	725.92	1.08	483.25	6.59	0.51	42.50
Aug-03	2,412.8	1,644.6	287.6	2,392.2	437.68	713.99	1.12	502.11	6.98	0.52	44.09
Sep-03	2,395.2	1,623.5	318.0	2,682.3	490.22	706.94	1.10	516.59	7.05	0.50	38.57
Oct-03	2,285.6	1,537.1	276.5	2,839.9	391.27	708.01	1.15	500.75	6.57	0.54	40.09
Nov-03	2,127.0	1,387.9	261.4	2,461.6	397.71	723.23	1.22	511.60	6.80	0.54	40.81
Dec-03	2,249.9	1,414.0	300.9	2,409.4	397.79	733.87	1.31	534.94	7.38	0.58	42.21
Jan-04	2,052.3	1,367.5	247.6	2,149.3	441.93	725.75	1.43	536.18	8.18	0.60	44.41
Feb-04	2,250.5	1,434.6	283.6	2,440.4	515.64	765.48	1.66	538.07	8.56	0.65	46.17
Mar-04	2,591.8	1,689.8	322.3	3,025.6	508.76	798.34	1.81	540.20	9.60	0.66	48.83
Apr-04	2,605.8	1,731.7	279.7	2,683.0	574.57	845.74	1.79	541.36	9.48	0.63	49.25
May-04	2,969.9	1,863.3	390.2	2,945.7	628.52	882.13	1.61	528.97	8.06	0.61	55.52
Jun-04	2,871.8	1,865.2	383.0	2,865.8	577.01	883.84	1.66	532.62	7.96	0.62	51.62
Jul-04	2,783.6	1,829.7	340.5	2,802.0	555.22	871.16	1.69	526.25	8.34	0.59	53.79
Aug-04	2,813.9	1,841.5	349.5	2,828.9	599.48	847.40	1.69	525.31	8.74	0.58	58.95
Sep-04	2,639.0	1,749.3	328.1	2,877.9	543.45	807.45	1.69	521.92	8.24	0.57	59.17
Oct-04	2,545.2	1,639.8	288.1	2,862.2	425.21	745.67	1.70	524.29	8.85	0.60	66.25
Nov-04	2,440.7	1,576.9	275.0	2,875.3	376.76	703.29	1.67	525.54	8.95	0.60	57.96
Dec-04	2,483.5	1,531.9	313.9	2,515.9	430.35	741.22	1.73	538.58	8.66	0.66	52.82
Jan-05	2,396.8	1,526.4	264.9	2,520.8	447.25	767.06	1.76	519.58	8.10	0.69	57.39
Feb-05	2,494.8	1,620.3	299.7	2,674.6	516.94	785.95	1.82	524.69	8.71	0.74	59.47
Mar-05	2,688.0	1,779.8	308.4	3,053.3	507.11	788.03	1.86	528.16	8.83	0.75	66.05
Apr-05	2,734.6	1,819.8	304.0	2,858.3	473.40	794.76	1.90	530.57	8.80	0.73	65.56
May-05	-	-	-	-	444.45	783.44	1.85	529.69	8.81	0.70	62.56
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 10,314.2	t 6,746.3	t 1,177.0	t 11,106.9	a 477.83	a 783.85	a 1.84	a 526.54	a 8.65	a 0.72	a 62.21
% change	8.6	8.4	3.9	7.9	-10.5	-2.4	10.7	-1.9	-1.4	14.6	27.4
Last 12 months	31,861.9	20,643.9	3,845.3	33,680.6	491.39	793.27	1.75	527.27	8.58	0.65	59.30
Previous 12	27,960.3	18,590.1	3,504.5	30,948.9	461.38	755.61	1.36	517.99	7.62	0.57	44.50
% change	14.0	11.0	9.7	8.8	6.5	5.0	28.9	1.8	12.6	14.6	33.3
% ch. year ago	4.9	5.1	8.7	6.5	-29.3	-11.2	14.9	0.1	9.3	14.8	12.7
% ch prev mnth	1.7	2.3	-1.4	-6.4	-6.1	-1.4	-2.6	-0.2	0.1	-4.1	-4.6

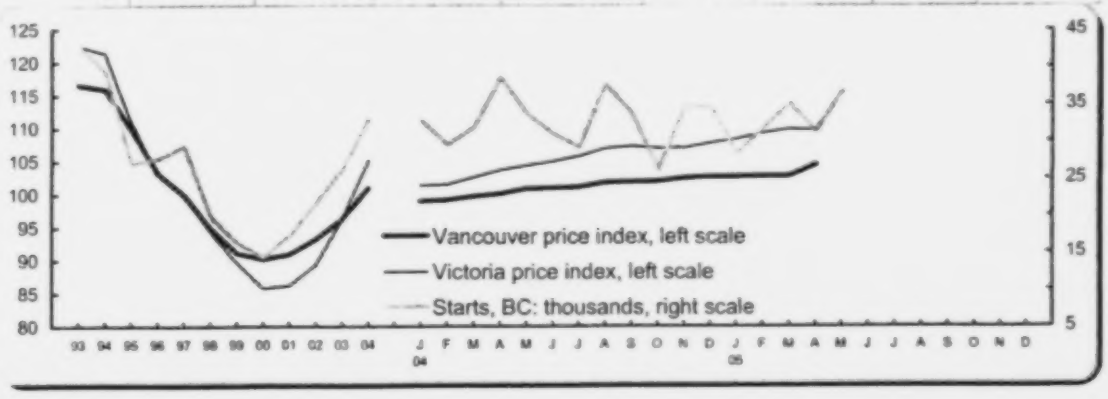




6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

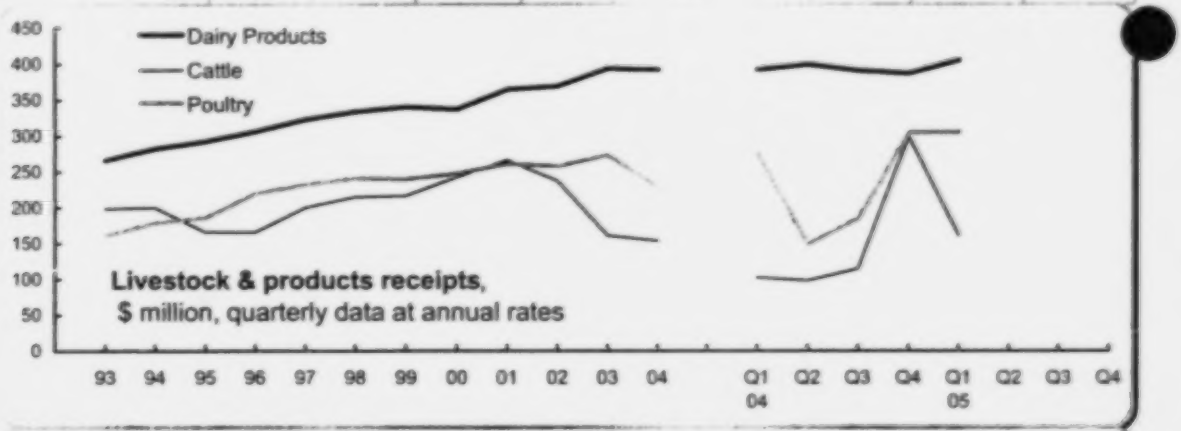
Period	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada) Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Housing Starts All Areas	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada) Vancouver	Victoria	MLS® Average Sale Price
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2001	4,954,772	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	90.9	86.2	220,952
2002	5,659,415	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	93.2	89.3	238,758
2003	6,394,238	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
Jan-03	481,441	319,116	18,846	107,332	36,147	19.2	94.2	91.6	242,202
Feb-03	399,519	282,881	11,044	73,104	32,490	26.0	95.0	92.2	252,186
Mar-03	536,734	419,344	10,789	79,820	26,781	24.8	95.3	92.8	252,979
Apr-03	521,648	331,637	36,824	98,387	54,800	24.2	95.6	93.9	250,071
May-03	498,262	359,113	13,091	98,525	27,533	20.9	96.4	94.2	250,522
Jun-03	479,935	342,127	16,070	84,186	37,552	22.8	96.5	95.7	256,107
Jul-03	592,734	384,395	35,241	107,044	66,054	30.2	96.7	96.8	255,162
Aug-03	517,403	365,844	16,783	92,399	42,377	27.3	96.5	98.1	264,008
Sep-03	712,974	485,325	23,417	108,930	95,302	31.9	96.6	98.7	267,870
Oct-03	532,720	392,589	30,595	82,263	27,273	33.7	97.1	99.7	271,750
Nov-03	530,766	373,473	20,284	110,006	27,003	26.4	97.5	100.4	278,780
Dec-03	590,101	458,338	11,040	87,629	33,094	27.2	97.6	100.9	276,371
Jan-04	640,322	473,262	6,975	137,537	22,548	32.8	99.0	101.4	274,852
Feb-04	625,773	492,787	24,844	98,213	9,929	29.5	99.2	101.5	282,348
Mar-04	575,877	435,899	15,345	96,286	28,347	31.8	99.7	102.6	286,844
Apr-04	586,608	459,848	13,719	93,903	19,138	38.5	100.1	103.7	291,398
May-04	579,501	441,574	17,612	84,062	36,253	33.6	100.9	104.4	289,975
Jun-04	1,028,549	775,697	48,218	142,886	61,748	30.9	101.0	105.0	287,188
Jul-04	607,230	440,474	27,024	68,784	70,948	29.1	101.1	105.8	281,599
Aug-04	608,297	412,654	37,720	118,517	39,406	37.6	101.8	107.0	284,685
Sep-04	716,017	550,565	28,060	101,576	35,816	33.6	101.9	107.3	288,340
Oct-04	531,157	422,713	14,598	78,441	15,405	26.1	102.0	107.0	301,576
Nov-04	791,418	566,501	68,221	92,032	64,664	34.6	102.5	107.1	296,667
Dec-04	647,976	396,963	25,714	115,788	109,511	34.6	102.7	107.8	303,977
Jan-05	652,427	467,530	20,733	110,574	53,590	28.3	102.7	108.4	292,931
Feb-05	800,047	555,395	14,641	192,150	37,861	31.7	102.8	109.3	312,594
Mar-05	906,372	523,919	29,540	247,350	105,563	35.0	102.8	109.9	320,262
Apr-05	864,998	591,809	24,696	208,445	40,048	31.3	104.5	109.8	323,674
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	36.6	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 3,223,844	t 2,927,629	t 89,610	t 758,519	t 237,062	a 32.6	a 103.2	a 109.4	a 312,365
% change	32.7	29.6	47.2	78.1	196.5	-2.0	3.7	6.9	10.0
Last 12 months	8,733,989	8,607,883	356,777	1,560,605	670,813	32.5	102.2	107.4	298,622
Previous 12	6,883,475	6,845,859	227,404	1,196,921	436,150	30.5	97.7	99.5	271,334
% change	26.9	25.7	56.9	30.4	53.8	6.5	4.6	8.0	10.1
% ch. year ago	47.5	39.9	80.0	122.0	109.3	8.9	4.4	5.9	11.1
% ch prev mnth	-4.6	-16.0	-16.4	-15.7	-62.1	16.9	1.7	-0.1	1.1

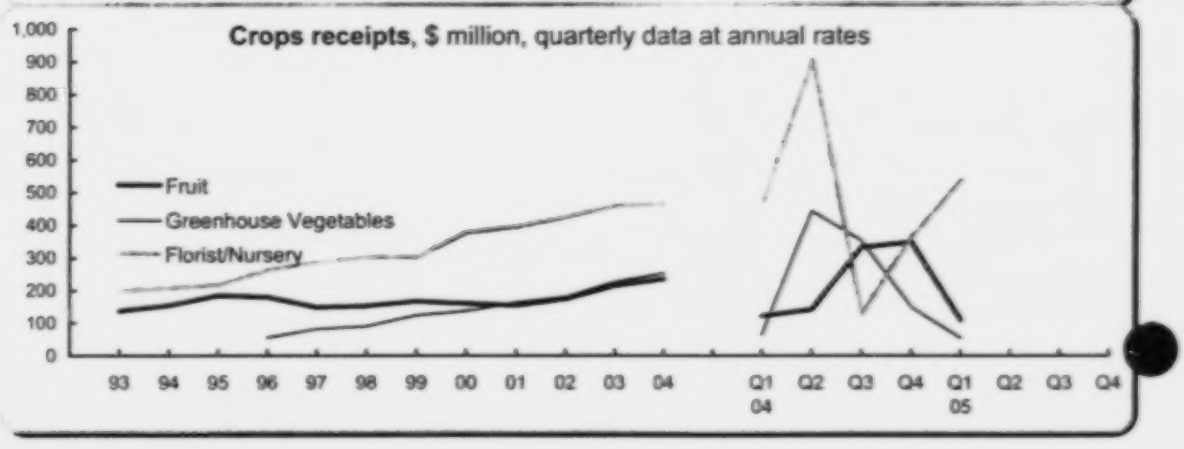


7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total Farm Cash Receipts
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2001	364,478	265,941	260,897	279,450	1,170,766	154,782	163,835	394,354	280,866	993,837	2,224,466
2002	368,630	237,188	257,753	265,738	1,129,309	173,978	180,247	423,694	258,557	1,036,476	2,196,700
2003	393,102	160,867	272,982	255,113	1,082,064	215,266	226,209	459,247	241,248	1,141,970	2,283,440
2004	391,731	153,401	228,431	237,290	1,010,853	235,706	251,881	465,365	251,242	1,204,194	2,402,599
Q1-03	97,255	57,247	63,149	60,059	277,710	26,237	14,310	114,810	57,550	212,907	498,408
Q2-03	99,044	32,438	69,928	49,232	250,642	32,295	99,781	223,474	42,324	397,874	652,885
Q3-03	98,158	17,693	71,786	57,342	244,979	75,319	79,048	30,509	65,794	250,670	506,763
Q4-03	98,645	53,489	68,119	88,480	308,733	81,415	33,070	90,454	75,580	280,519	625,384
Q1-04	97,946	25,616	68,963	59,672	252,197	30,324	15,765	116,340	59,660	222,089	500,939
Q2-04	99,669	24,544	37,232	42,108	203,553	35,427	110,673	226,609	40,913	413,622	654,544
Q3-04	97,554	28,587	46,248	48,761	221,150	82,908	88,300	31,553	73,798	276,559	511,575
Q4-04	96,562	74,654	75,988	86,749	333,953	87,047	37,143	90,863	76,871	291,924	735,541
Q1-05	101,163	40,258	76,285	51,086	268,792	27,520	13,771	134,858	56,962	233,111	543,061
Q2-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(1-tot. 8-avg) YTD	t 101,163	t 40,258	t 76,285	t 51,086	t 268,792	t 35,220	t 13,771	t 134,858	t 49,262	t 233,111	t 543,061
% change	3.3	57.2	10.6	-14.4	6.6	-6.6	-12.6	15.9	-5.7	5.0	8.4
Last 4 quarters	394,948	168,043	235,753	228,704	1,027,448	232,902	249,887	483,883	248,544	1,215,216	2,444,721
Previous 4	393,793	129,236	278,796	254,726	1,056,551	219,353	227,664	460,777	243,358	1,151,152	2,285,971
% change	0.3	30.0	-15.4	-10.2	-2.8	6.2	9.8	5.0	2.1	5.6	6.9
% ch. year ago	3.3	57.2	10.6	-14.4	6.6	-8.8	-12.6	15.9	-4.7	5.0	8.4
% ch. prev qtr	4.8	-46.1	0.4	-41.1	-19.5	-69.4	-62.9	48.4	-20.6	-20.1	-26.2

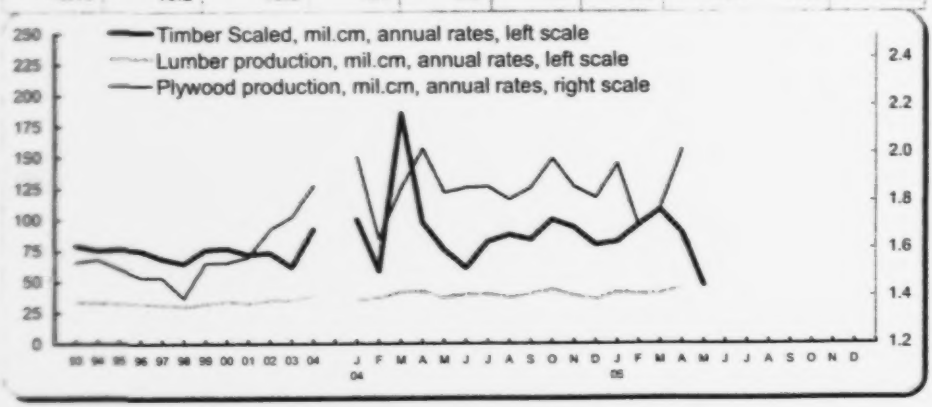




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

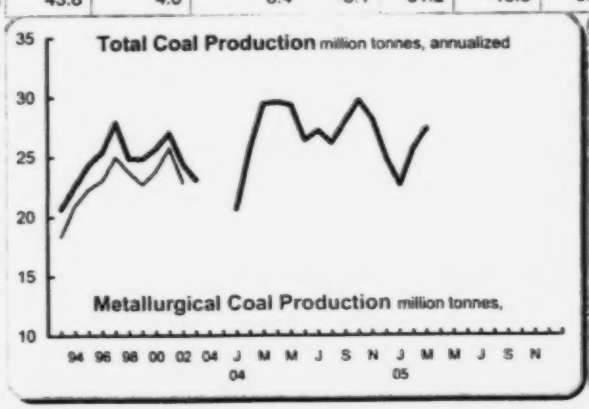
Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Cubic metres (000s)		Cubic metres	Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2001	72,212	32,605.7	1,563,884	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,519	35,500.9	1,680,352	1,159	1,731	2,890	4,477	1,171	1,729	7,380
2003	61,925	35,423.3	1,733,080	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
2004	92,361	39,204.6	1,863,057	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
Jan-03	5,290	3,192.1	146,395	106	154	260	441	104	145	689
Feb-03	9,296	3,114.6	143,287	95	141	236	390	90	153	633
Mar-03	10,494	3,290.3	147,246	106	143	249	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,232.9	153,464	102	148	250	374	100	152	626
May-03	4,933	3,040.7	138,689	97	154	251	336	96	150	582
Jun-03	2,615	2,857.8	146,246	88	116	204	358	104	132	594
Jul-03	2,884	2,898.5	135,981	103	124	227	434	97	133	593
Aug-03	4,805	2,450.7	130,438	102	121	223	416	94	137	646
Sep-03	4,126	2,804.0	147,744	92	125	217	448	102	133	683
Oct-03	3,647	3,298.2	166,120	101	166	267	382	90	156	628
Nov-03	69	2,661.6	141,692	100	152	252	371	104	149	625
Dec-03	9,362	2,581.9	135,778	98	148	246	419	95	145	659
Jan-04	8,387	2,972.5	165,383	103	151	254	389	96	139	624
Feb-04	4,894	3,116.9	136,844	96	147	243	387	96	140	622
Mar-04	15,492	3,497.0	154,530	98	164	262	386	112	171	669
Apr-04	8,174	3,494.7	168,132	102	156	258	388	89	155	631
May-04	6,313	3,095.0	152,888	95	147	242	392	97	156	645
Jun-04	5,090	3,330.0	154,608	84	145	229	353	103	154	610
Jul-04	6,876	3,349.8	155,068	96	159	255	360	93	159	612
Aug-04	7,327	3,114.5	150,452	88	156	244	350	82	147	580
Sep-04	7,002	3,382.7	154,500	85	153	238	391	89	150	630
Oct-04	8,338	3,636.8	164,606	104	148	252	449	86	149	684
Nov-04	7,822	3,206.4	154,964	92	149	241	415	96	155	665
Dec-04	6,646	3,008.3	151,082	101	168	269	464	96	166	726
Jan-05	6,849	3,437.4	162,852	90	162	252	390	85	156	631
Feb-05	7,966	3,336.2	141,470	87	146	233	371	90	151	612
Mar-05	9,031	3,393.9	147,391	90	151	241	398	96	151	646
Apr-05	7,460	3,740.1	167,804	86	159	245	392	92	157	641
May-05	3,925	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-ot, a-avg) YTD	t 35,231	t 13,908	t 619,517	t 353	t 618	t 971	t 1,551	t 363	t 615	t 2,530
% change	-18.6	6.3	-0.9	-11.5	0.0	-4.5	0.1	-7.6	1.7	-0.6
Last 12 months	84,332	40,031	1,857,685	1,098	1,843	2,941	4,725	1,105	1,851	7,682
Previous 12	70,768	35,675	1,767,577	1,180	1,724	2,904	4,714	1,175	1,740	7,556
% change	19.2	12.2	5.1	-6.9	6.9	1.3	0.2	-6.0	6.4	1.7
% ch. year ago	-37.8	7.0	-0.2	-15.7	1.9	-5.0	1.0	3.4	1.3	1.6
% ch. prev mnth	-47.4	10.2	13.8	-4.4	5.3	1.7	-1.5	-4.2	4.0	-0.8

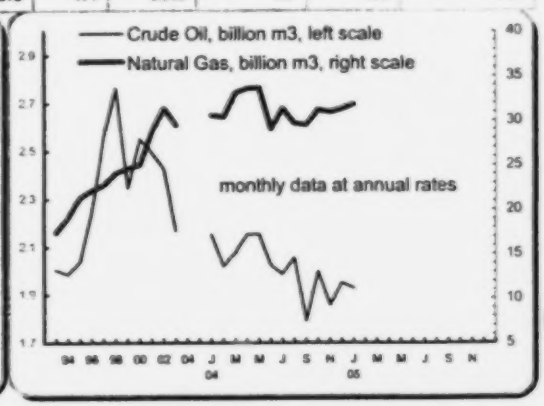


9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Statistics Canada (total) & Min. of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

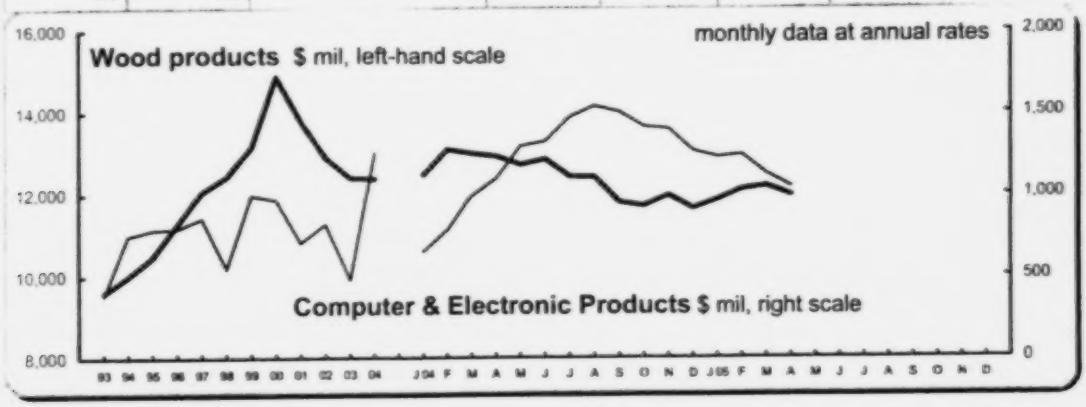
	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
Period	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,006.0	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	22,821.7	24,397.0	248.3	6.3	68.0	8.0	21.7	652.7	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
2003	-	-	23,061.0	247.9	6.3	64.0	9.7	22.3	660.7	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,050,922
2004	-	-	27,082.0	239.9	2.3	44.7	9.5	20.1	593.3	-	-	60,595,613
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,897.0	19.6	2.0	8.0	0.8	1.5	36.6	2,449.3	181.6	6,305,368
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.0	18.7	1.5	7.2	0.7	1.6	47.6	2,211.7	160.1	5,415,832
Mar-03	-	-	1,965.0	20.2	1.6	0.4	0.8	2.1	77.1	2,507.3	167.0	5,452,418
Apr-03	-	-	1,992.0	20.7	1.7	6.7	0.8	1.6	54.8	2,544.6	175.2	4,399,687
May-03	-	-	2,124.0	21.3	1.8	6.7	0.6	2.0	56.8	2,567.7	193.1	4,373,885
Jun-03	-	-	1,781.0	18.7	1.4	6.6	0.7	2.1	45.5	2,419.6	184.9	4,296,546
Jul-03	-	-	1,768.0	20.4	1.8	2.9	0.6	1.6	49.3	2,311.8	183.3	5,246,845
Aug-03	-	-	1,478.0	21.8	1.6	6.3	0.7	2.2	65.2	2,524.6	182.9	5,339,448
Sep-03	-	-	1,943.0	20.8	1.9	6.0	0.9	2.3	73.3	2,443.4	181.8	4,806,675
Oct-03	-	-	2,125.0	21.6	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.6	46.5	2,525.4	193.0	4,959,737
Nov-03	-	-	2,121.0	18.8	1.5	3.9	0.8	1.9	57.6	2,447.0	182.8	5,960,032
Dec-03	-	-	1,868.0	22.8	1.9	10.8	0.8	2.5	66.6	2,531.0	182.5	6,494,449
Jan-04	-	-	1,721.0	15.2	-	-	0.7	0.9	32.5	2,548.7	179.4	6,694,914
Feb-04	-	-	2,137.0	17.3	-	-	0.8	1.1	38.0	2,535.2	168.5	5,443,423
Mar-04	-	-	2,452.0	20.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	2.0	62.9	2,759.0	173.2	4,945,324
Apr-04	-	-	2,465.0	20.0	0.1	11.6	0.9	2.3	65.5	2,801.1	179.4	4,513,015
May-04	-	-	2,445.0	18.8	0.4	6.7	0.8	1.9	50.4	2,806.2	179.6	4,384,434
Jun-04	-	-	2,197.0	19.5	0.4	3.2	0.7	1.6	46.3	2,422.0	168.7	4,135,339
Jul-04	-	-	2,267.0	19.6	0.1	6.1	1.0	1.3	30.7	2,614.3	165.6	5,161,783
Aug-04	-	-	2,179.0	19.3	-	-	0.7	1.5	36.6	2,471.6	171.2	4,984,243
Sep-04	-	-	2,328.0	20.2	0.3	7.0	0.7	1.9	60.0	2,459.6	149.4	4,060,909
Oct-04	-	-	2,474.0	20.6	-	3.3	0.8	2.2	54.8	2,598.6	166.5	4,669,500
Nov-04	-	-	2,344.0	24.2	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.9	64.7	2,578.8	154.9	5,353,623
Dec-04	-	-	2,073.0	24.4	0.4	3.5	0.7	1.5	50.9	2,606.2	162.6	6,249,106
Jan-05	-	-	1,886.0	17.9	-	3.2	0.6	1.0	40.4	2,651.0	160.8	6,481,400
Feb-05	-	-	2,140.0	19.5	0.6	3.5	0.7	1.3	49.5	-	-	5,421,682
Mar-05	-	-	2,277.0	25.4	0.5	5.7	0.6	1.4	34.4	-	-	4,989,409
Apr-05	-	-	-	24.1	0.2	4.6	0.7	1.4	48.1	-	-	-
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.8	t 6,303.0	t 86.9	t 1.3	t 17.0	t 2.5	t 5.1	t 172.4	t 2,651.0	t 160.8	t 16,892,491
% change	-10.2	5.5	-0.1	18.6	327.5	42.9	-23.6	-18.9	-13.3	4.0	-10.4	-1.1
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	27,075.0	253.5	3.3	49.8	8.7	18.9	566.8	31,303.6	2,000.4	60,404,443
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	23,510.0	239.5	13.5	55.3	9.2	22.4	659.7	29,582.8	2,166.0	62,960,965
% change	15.8	-8.3	15.2	5.8	-75.8	-9.9	-5.3	-15.7	-14.1	5.8	-7.6	-4.1
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	-7.1	20.5	82.7	-60.3	-24.7	-36.9	-26.6	4.0	-10.4	0.9
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	6.4	-5.1	-61.2	-19.3	9.8	4.4	39.8	1.7	-1.1	-8.0





10 Manufacturing — Durables, NAICS based

Period	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2001	38,281,059	21,619,091	10,816,922	1,057,070	1,697,983	1,539,078	1,448,553	-	1,670,882
2002	38,498,922	22,438,355	11,269,596	1,268,304	1,714,105	1,684,598	1,223,672	-	1,564,813
2003	37,222,910	20,793,748	9,913,006	1,415,721	1,721,456	1,837,105	1,101,172	-	990,928
2004	42,249,383	25,251,583	13,011,985	1,570,582	2,030,792	2,131,413	1,095,016	-	1,060,387
Jan-03	3,164,967	1,805,828	848,232	122,349	147,252	152,120	81,985	-	91,364
Feb-03	3,114,221	1,803,605	854,947	124,028	150,738	159,093	81,532	-	82,947
Mar-03	3,101,344	1,727,907	819,369	119,359	142,397	150,844	73,327	-	85,823
Apr-03	3,077,958	1,708,788	787,026	116,132	140,266	150,711	97,091	-	84,002
May-03	3,015,018	1,671,370	765,498	113,902	139,050	154,895	91,238	-	78,688
Jun-03	3,001,714	1,689,198	783,494	114,034	141,644	147,459	85,899	-	77,791
Jul-03	3,084,801	1,752,470	821,608	110,606	138,119	153,452	99,550	-	78,314
Aug-03	3,122,837	1,771,393	832,612	110,366	136,967	159,425	102,097	-	75,893
Sep-03	3,230,285	1,867,294	876,807	120,488	160,765	150,932	106,773	-	87,863
Oct-03	3,109,195	1,801,871	844,691	114,954	140,173	156,487	100,837	-	81,295
Nov-03	3,130,404	1,822,107	864,059	120,449	137,503	157,331	98,763	-	83,434
Dec-03	3,078,202	1,763,039	817,629	128,709	148,359	144,978	82,669	-	82,873
Jan-04	3,139,030	1,817,132	883,502	124,938	140,278	162,475	93,293	-	92,796
Feb-04	3,248,100	1,895,010	927,563	131,360	152,267	159,642	106,117	-	84,662
Mar-04	3,432,322	1,994,141	996,736	130,608	160,410	167,951	104,074	-	93,553
Apr-04	3,434,877	2,046,807	1,032,633	130,168	164,084	169,156	102,572	-	83,093
May-04	3,579,167	2,119,780	1,097,551	122,781	170,350	172,029	98,301	-	91,674
Jun-04	3,549,809	2,127,933	1,107,156	125,889	166,999	172,614	101,204	-	86,974
Jul-04	3,584,476	2,181,628	1,157,325	124,235	167,477	197,510	92,331	-	81,878
Aug-04	3,636,166	2,206,071	1,179,040	123,029	173,207	186,636	92,045	-	88,291
Sep-04	3,679,992	2,226,189	1,167,115	130,722	183,183	190,313	79,264	-	90,305
Oct-04	3,587,451	2,175,087	1,137,151	135,440	179,123	180,795	77,350	-	95,272
Nov-04	3,633,255	2,194,898	1,132,729	143,620	183,673	183,419	82,625	-	88,346
Dec-04	3,585,495	2,135,242	1,087,849	142,413	180,156	187,403	75,949	-	79,692
Jan-05	3,562,506	2,134,532	1,075,555	131,233	191,954	201,589	80,450	-	90,011
Feb-05	3,602,258	2,162,479	1,080,021	143,641	193,769	185,001	85,631	-	80,262
Mar-05	3,573,282	2,128,460	1,041,447	148,381	187,973	194,373	87,289	-	89,976
Apr-05	3,523,004	2,100,428	1,015,329	142,517	191,074	194,365	82,697	-	87,303
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 14,261,050	t 8,525,899	t 4,212,352	t 565,772	t 764,770	t 775,328	t 336,067	t 0	t 347,552
% change	7.6	10.0	9.7	9.4	23.9	17.6	-17.2	0.0	-1.9
Last 12 months	43,096,861	25,892,727	13,278,268	1,613,901	2,168,938	2,246,047	1,035,136	0	1,049,984
Previous 12	38,026,785	21,891,832	10,446,832	1,450,582	1,759,619	1,884,183	1,173,882	0	1,000,255
% change	13.3	18.3	27.1	11.3	23.3	19.2	-11.8	0.0	5.0
% ch. year ago	2.6	2.6	-1.7	9.5	16.4	14.9	-19.4	0.0	5.1
% ch prev mnth	-1.4	-1.3	-2.5	-4.0	1.6	0.0	-5.3	0.0	-3.0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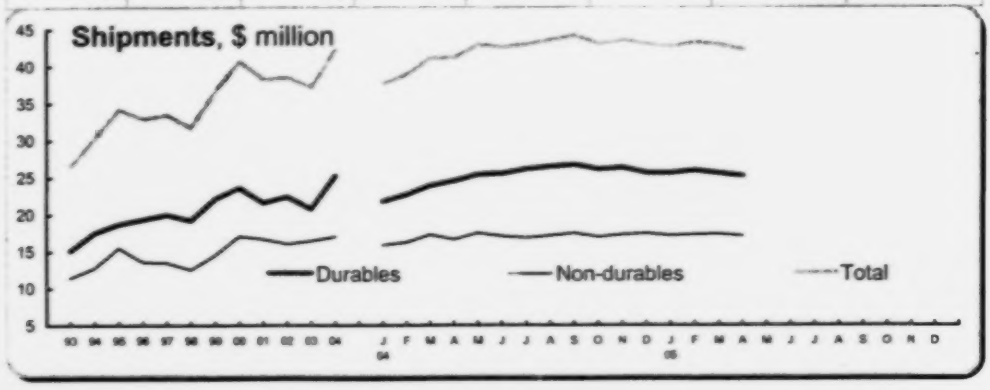
11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

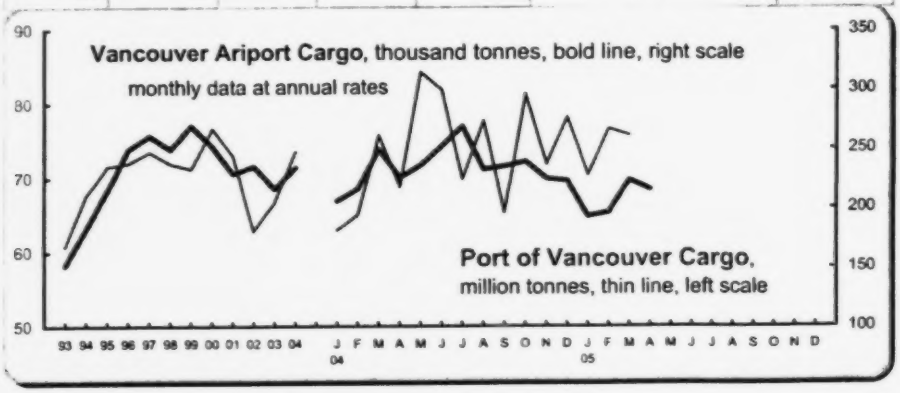
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
2001	16,661,964	4,504,561	992,470	6,264,089	908,529	-	1,000,572	1,051,738
2002	16,060,566	4,725,249	1,087,141	5,497,354	828,868	-	1,016,553	1,054,264
2003	16,429,161	4,889,680	1,091,227	5,651,945	758,499	-	1,083,911	1,155,869
2004	16,997,799	5,023,079	1,129,515	5,875,939	779,365	-	1,269,970	1,142,016
Jan-03	1,359,139	422,828	95,107	474,258	64,092	-	90,343	93,212
Feb-03	1,310,616	404,816	91,314	437,486	64,376	-	93,025	96,900
Mar-03	1,373,437	407,343	90,549	503,421	61,437	-	88,018	96,742
Apr-03	1,369,170	409,493	90,356	493,698	59,123	-	98,169	95,853
May-03	1,343,648	397,871	95,027	486,279	58,329	-	91,857	97,108
Jun-03	1,312,516	401,080	89,283	459,710	63,011	-	85,500	100,325
Jul-03	1,332,331	409,401	84,762	470,456	60,696	-	89,356	101,010
Aug-03	1,351,444	407,509	87,981	478,760	73,482	-	92,420	95,943
Sep-03	1,362,991	411,263	90,344	497,849	63,947	-	88,287	94,718
Oct-03	1,307,324	408,216	96,176	442,615	61,903	-	86,386	96,182
Nov-03	1,308,297	406,167	88,030	448,053	64,497	-	91,309	94,456
Dec-03	1,315,163	402,826	92,630	459,360	63,535	-	89,655	93,890
Jan-04	1,321,898	412,249	93,619	435,968	59,535	-	88,490	91,308
Feb-04	1,353,090	406,961	93,618	464,758	60,324	-	90,087	97,267
Mar-04	1,438,181	414,487	96,015	525,889	61,368	-	92,989	96,456
Apr-04	1,388,070	404,158	96,916	471,237	62,990	-	103,461	94,895
May-04	1,459,387	404,991	91,919	552,154	62,735	-	105,011	87,795
Jun-04	1,421,876	406,055	92,267	517,195	64,914	-	110,402	88,695
Jul-04	1,402,848	407,340	91,411	493,422	64,333	-	109,085	95,391
Aug-04	1,430,095	424,087	91,150	496,665	69,573	-	107,249	96,838
Sep-04	1,453,803	429,723	95,590	501,032	69,546	-	110,992	99,110
Oct-04	1,412,364	427,514	93,548	462,606	67,053	-	114,842	98,711
Nov-04	1,438,357	440,779	95,252	465,844	66,926	-	114,909	98,387
Dec-04	1,450,253	433,133	96,269	489,169	62,974	-	116,010	98,456
Jan-05	1,427,974	443,724	94,256	456,157	67,460	-	107,862	102,877
Feb-05	1,439,779	442,930	99,577	452,807	67,123	-	122,419	104,323
Mar-05	1,444,822	442,769	100,032	483,959	68,011	-	117,199	100,654
Apr-05	1,422,576	442,010	96,279	462,264	70,515	-	106,665	103,638
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 5,735,151	t 1,771,433	t 390,144	t 1,855,187	t 273,109	t 0	t 454,145	t 411,492
% change	4.3	8.2	2.6	-2.2	11.8	0.0	21.1	8.3
Last 12 months	17,204,134	5,145,055	1,137,550	5,833,274	801,163	0	1,342,645	1,174,875
Previous 12	16,134,953	4,882,188	1,104,401	5,640,934	753,617	0	1,089,797	1,153,558
% change	6.6	5.4	3.0	3.4	6.3	0.0	23.2	1.8
% ch. year ago	2.5	9.4	-0.7	-1.9	11.9	0.0	3.1	9.2
% ch prev mnth	-1.5	-0.2	-3.8	-4.5	3.7	0.0	-9.0	3.0



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,721	2,518
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
2004	70,289	3,283	73,574	233,809	7,986	11,181	3,797	2,572
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,478	271	5,750	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	4,919	238	5,156	19,895	715	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	5,136	287	5,423	19,217	784	1,650	492	388
Sep-03	5,131	266	5,397	18,472	636	948	334	227
Oct-03	6,493	264	6,757	19,606	636	833	296	209
Nov-03	6,096	268	6,364	18,614	524	647	239	112
Dec-03	5,901	239	6,140	19,235	626	688	235	138
Jan-04	4,971	277	5,249	17,140	552	556	207	96
Feb-04	5,155	262	5,417	17,999	571	620	232	117
Mar-04	6,045	267	6,312	20,772	619	771	278	167
Apr-04	5,499	240	5,739	18,801	606	862	305	209
May-04	6,725	295	7,020	19,659	666	965	319	241
Jun-04	6,522	299	6,821	20,993	705	993	333	240
Jul-04	5,550	270	5,819	22,369	794	1,450	442	386
Aug-04	6,175	300	6,475	19,347	831	1,560	477	381
Sep-04	5,155	288	5,444	19,580	711	1,025	356	260
Oct-04	6,523	247	6,770	19,898	680	905	311	207
Nov-04	5,703	285	5,989	18,692	569	660	250	121
Dec-04	6,266	253	6,519	18,559	683	814	287	147
Jan-05	5,592	275	5,866	16,061	627	539	204	96
Feb-05	6,110	279	6,388	16,321	605	602	228	121
Mar-05	6,023	291	6,313	18,594	674	842	297	194
Apr-05	-	-	-	17,948	614	790	292	182
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	985	330	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 17,725	t 845	t 18,567	t 68,924	t 2,520	t 3,758	t 1,351	t 592
% change	9.6	4.8	9.4	-7.7	7.3	-0.4	0.7	0.6
Last 12 months	71,843	3,322	75,163	228,021	8,158	11,165	3,807	2,576
Previous 12	65,468	3,221	68,690	223,655	7,471	10,915	3,705	2,506
% change	9.7	3.1	9.4	2.0	9.2	2.3	2.8	2.8
% ch. year ago	-0.4	9.0	0.0	-4.5	1.3	2.1	3.4	-13.2
% ch prev mnth	-1.4	4.3	-1.2	-3.5	-8.9	24.7	13.0	-6.5

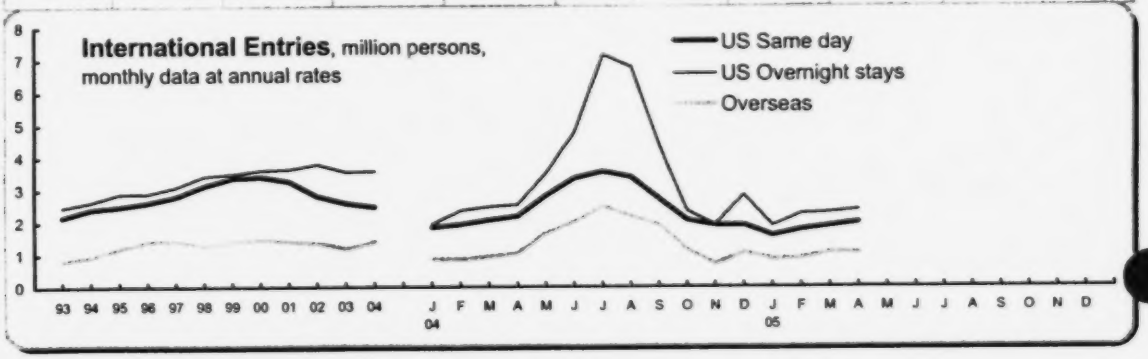


13 Service Sector — Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS.

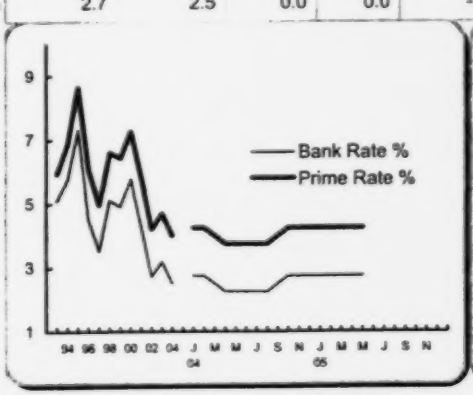
	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Interntl
Period	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,808,063	3,787,823	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	58.9	107,107	256,945	1,506,188	3,855	3,600
2003	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
2004	2,467,994	3,571,101	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.6	104,551	249,553	1,592,119	3,965	3,775
Jan-03	182,091	182,462	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.1	1,525	14,300	129,721	292	289
Feb-03	166,881	210,112	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.3	4,125	23,500	130,794	277	240
Mar-03	171,047	203,096	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.8	18,947	23,200	123,655	314	274
Apr-03	183,054	195,417	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.7	9,239	14,790	120,193	244	203
May-03	234,763	286,647	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.2	13,589	19,050	120,974	299	200
Jun-03	265,979	395,933	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,769	20,100	117,627	366	249
Jul-03	300,416	561,027	861,443	163,394	1,024,837	71.2	1,530	2,490	118,563	453	314
Aug-03	321,846	625,664	947,510	171,241	1,118,751	79.2	828	20,000	124,889	482	375
Sep-03	236,533	315,978	552,511	137,493	690,004	66.8	10,223	20,400	119,898	321	312
Oct-03	178,405	193,284	371,689	82,542	454,231	56.7	29,509	27,754	125,828	248	276
Nov-03	172,458	161,031	333,489	59,676	393,165	48.1	8,557	10,804	125,623	233	229
Dec-03	167,223	226,093	393,316	87,208	480,524	43.9	834	1,000	128,917	285	279
Jan-04	152,888	161,360	314,248	72,760	387,008	45.2	1,872	8,678	129,859	289	295
Feb-04	160,414	195,702	356,116	71,414	427,530	55.3	16,716	10,940	130,422	286	249
Mar-04	171,802	205,608	377,410	78,220	455,630	61.1	12,755	57,100	128,409	320	280
Apr-04	180,945	210,875	391,820	87,463	479,283	60.9	4,842	37,000	132,633	291	271
May-04	233,539	290,863	524,402	139,800	664,202	64.9	12,522	32,400	131,943	320	319
Jun-04	278,468	397,347	675,815	169,481	845,296	69.9	10,893	17,009	132,894	373	355
Jul-04	295,574	594,325	889,899	206,851	1,096,750	77.3	4,582	7,200	134,202	453	397
Aug-04	282,366	564,277	846,643	181,621	1,028,264	77.7	2,800	12,500	129,427	474	421
Sep-04	225,481	362,227	587,708	159,323	747,031	72.3	6,272	20,760	135,370	345	358
Oct-04	170,695	194,714	365,409	94,030	459,439	58.7	26,572	13,800	133,628	265	302
Nov-04	157,896	158,592	316,488	59,092	375,580	49.3	3,524	7,866	135,050	248	238
Dec-04	157,926	235,211	393,137	88,599	481,736	46.6	1,201	24,300	138,283	299	290
Jan-05	131,560	156,325	287,885	72,030	359,915	45.3	3,655	11,800	135,054	314	307
Feb-05	146,726	187,966	334,692	75,675	410,367	57.6	6,517	9,300	135,963	288	265
Mar-05	155,995	190,677	346,672	90,157	436,829	61.8	6,628	42,375	-	349	297
Apr-05	164,877	197,123	362,000	88,017	450,017	-	-	-	-	298	302
May-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 599,158	t 732,091	t 1,331,249	t 325,879	t 1,657,128	a 54.9	t 16,800	t 63,475	t 271,017	t 1,249	t 1,171
% change	-10.0	-5.4	-7.5	5.2	-5.3	1.9	-46.4	-17.3	4.1	5.3	6.8
Last 12 months	2,401,103	3,529,647	5,930,750	1,424,676	7,355,426	61.9	90,008	236,310	1,602,856	4,027	3,850
Previous 12	2,543,672	3,539,202	6,082,874	1,223,169	7,306,043	58.8	114,421	213,106	1,486,448	3,873	3,330
% change	-5.6	-0.3	-2.5	16.5	0.7	5.1	-21.3	10.9	7.8	4.0	15.6
% ch. year ago	-8.9	-6.5	-7.6	0.6	-6.1	1.1	-48.0	-25.8	4.2	2.4	11.3
% ch prev mnth	5.7	3.4	4.4	-2.4	3.0	7.3	1.7	355.6	0.7	-14.6	1.8

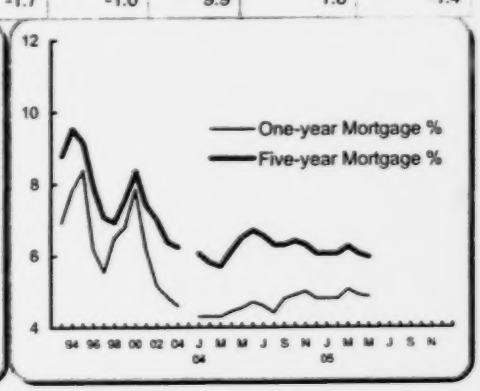


14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	87.04
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	92.47
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	9,021.5	6,983.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
Jul-03	9,233.8	7,257.9	3.25	4.75	6.20	4.55	1.04	1.3815	88.16
Aug-03	9,415.8	7,510.3	3.25	4.75	6.35	4.55	1.00	1.3957	87.40
Sep-03	9,275.1	7,421.1	3.00	4.50	6.30	4.55	1.00	1.3632	89.23
Oct-03	9,801.1	7,772.7	3.00	4.50	6.40	4.55	1.00	1.3218	91.48
Nov-03	9,782.5	7,859.4	3.00	4.50	6.50	4.75	0.99	1.3126	92.09
Dec-03	10,453.9	8,220.9	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.75	0.96	1.3128	91.65
Jan-04	10,488.1	8,521.4	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.30	1.02	1.2960	92.54
Feb-04	10,583.9	8,788.5	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.30	1.00	1.3290	90.19
Mar-04	10,357.7	8,585.9	2.50	4.00	5.70	4.30	1.01	1.3284	90.55
Apr-04	10,225.6	8,244.0	2.25	3.75	6.15	4.45	1.00	1.3425	89.74
May-04	10,188.5	8,417.3	2.25	3.75	6.50	4.55	0.99	1.3783	87.57
Jun-04	10,435.5	8,545.6	2.25	3.75	6.70	4.70	1.11	1.3577	88.68
Jul-04	10,139.7	8,458.1	2.25	3.75	6.55	4.60	1.26	1.3219	91.00
Aug-04	10,173.9	8,377.0	2.25	3.75	6.30	4.40	1.51	1.3118	91.80
Sep-04	10,080.3	8,668.3	2.50	4.00	6.30	4.80	1.76	1.2878	93.52
Oct-04	10,027.5	8,871.0	2.75	4.25	6.40	4.90	1.74	1.2469	96.36
Nov-04	10,428.0	9,030.1	2.75	4.25	6.30	5.00	2.00	1.1961	99.92
Dec-04	10,783.0	9,246.7	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2191	97.74
Jan-05	10,489.9	9,204.1	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2253	97.41
Feb-05	10,766.2	9,668.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.52	1.2397	96.40
Mar-05	10,503.8	9,612.4	2.75	4.25	6.25	5.05	2.77	1.2161	98.17
Apr-05	10,192.5	9,369.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.90	2.74	1.2360	96.82
May-05	10,467.5	9,607.3	2.75	4.25	5.95	4.85	3.01	1.2555	95.45
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 10,484.0	a 9,492.3	a 2.75	a 4.25	a 6.07	a 4.88	a 2.66	a 1.2345	a 96.85
% change	1.1	11.5	10.0	6.3	0.5	11.4	165.1	-7.5	7.5
Last 12 months	10,374.0	9,054.8	2.60	4.10	6.25	4.80	2.08	1.2595	95.27
Previous 12	9,902.3	7,965.2	2.88	4.38	6.18	4.54	1.02	1.3428	90.04
% change	4.8	13.7	-9.4	-6.2	1.0	5.8	104.3	-6.2	5.8
% ch. year ago	2.7	14.1	22.2	13.3	-8.5	6.6	204.0	-8.9	9.0
% ch prev mnth	2.7	2.5	0.0	0.0	-1.7	-1.0	9.9	1.6	-1.4





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British Columbia Population Projections

Each year, BC Stats projects the population of the province and its regions, based on demographic and economic trends, modified to take into consideration possible future changes. This cycle, just published, is known as PEOPLE 30 and was completed in May 2005.

Detailed projections, each 13 pages long in Adobe Acrobat PDF format, include a map, "Economic and Demographic Notes", four pages of population pyramids and charts, "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "Five Year Age Groups by Sex", are available for BC, the eight development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 89 local health areas, 59 school districts, and a number of "special areas" of local interest. Total population summaries appear free on our Internet site.

Both the PDF reports and comma-delimited data files are available for purchase from the BC Stats webstore:

www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/store.htm

Prices for individual areas vary from $5 to $1 for the PDF report, and $10 to $2 for the data files (including the PDF report), depending on how many regions are purchased.

Introduction

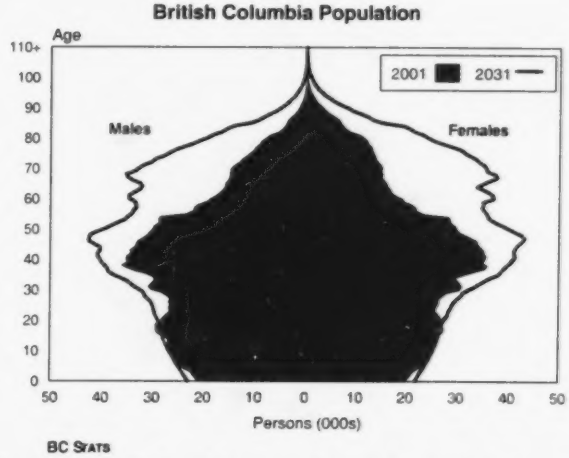
The demands for public services, such as schools, hospitals and roads, are closely related to population size and characteristics. In addition, marketing strategies of businesses are greatly influenced by the size and structure of the population. As a result, reliable population projections are an essential tool for planners in both the private and public sectors.

As we move into this new century, British Columbia faces unique challenges within Canada. Some of the major issues emerging in our province include:

- managing population growth that will put pressure on our urban communities, our environment and government resources;
- recognizing the changing ethnic make-up of the population and the need for better understanding of the values of cultural diversity;
- a health care system that must meet the needs of a growing and aging population; and
- growing economic and income disparities between our province's regions and people.

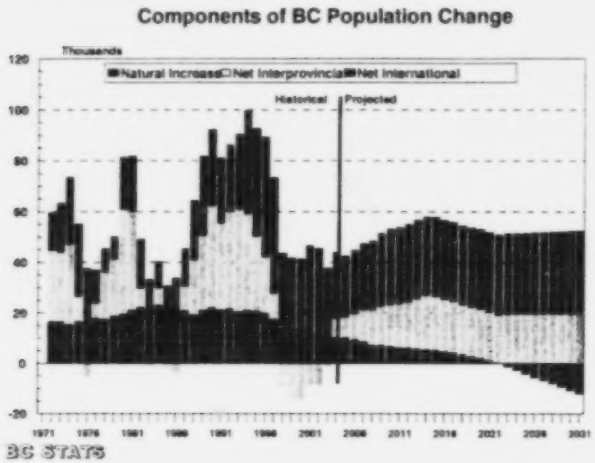
The following are some demographic highlights from PEOPLE Projection 30:

Becoming an older population



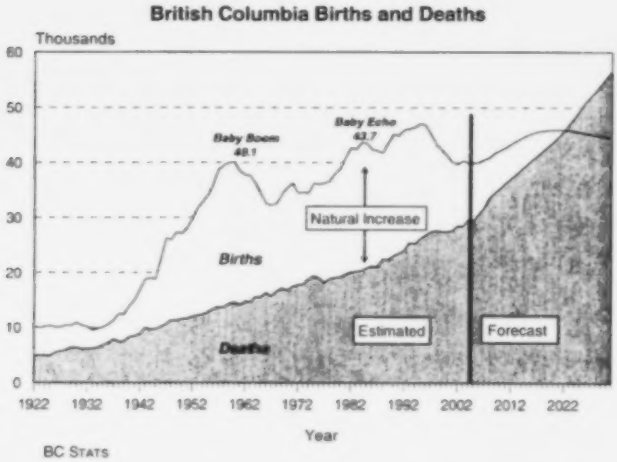
The British Columbia population is getting larger and older. Between 2001 and 2031, the population will have increased by over 36%. The median age of the population will have increased from 37.9 to 45.2 years.

Migration the most important factor



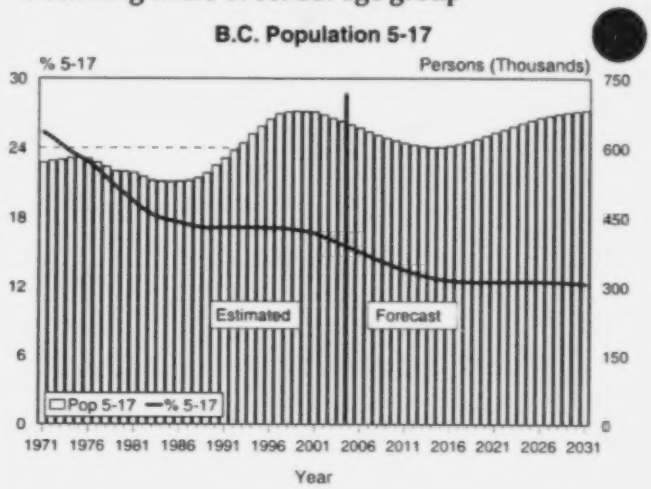
The major factor driving population growth will be migration to British Columbia. International migration will account for 61% of the population gain, followed by interprovincial migration at 36%, and natural increase at 3%.

Deaths will surpass births



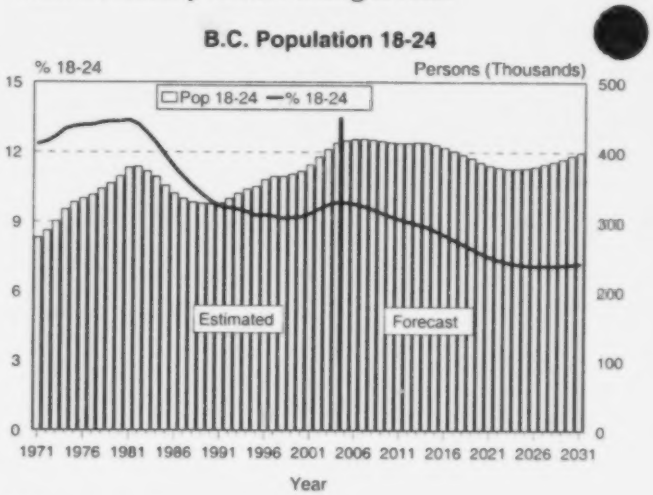
Even though the number of births in British Columbia will continue to rise, the contribution of natural increase to the overall population growth will decrease. Near the end of the forecast the number of deaths will exceed the number of births.

Declining share of school age group



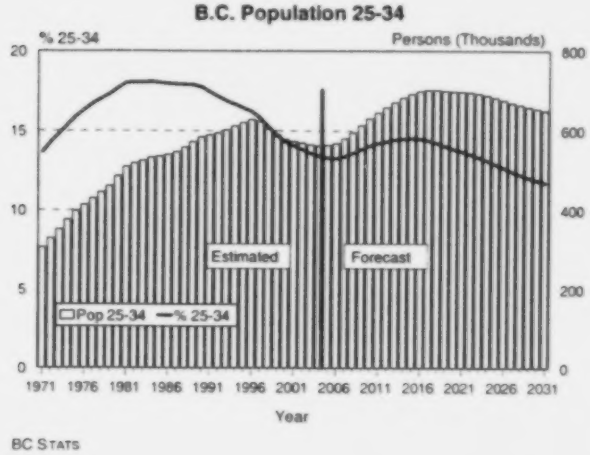
The population of school age (5–17 years) will decline slightly over the next 10 years or so, but will then begin a slow increase up to current levels by 2031. However, the share of total provincial population will decline.

Post-secondary cohort changes little



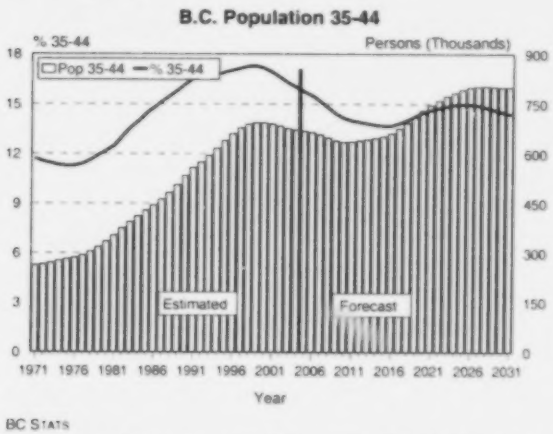
The population of post-secondary school age (18–24 years) will remain relatively constant over the next decade but its share of total population will decline over the projection period.

Slower migration and end of baby boom



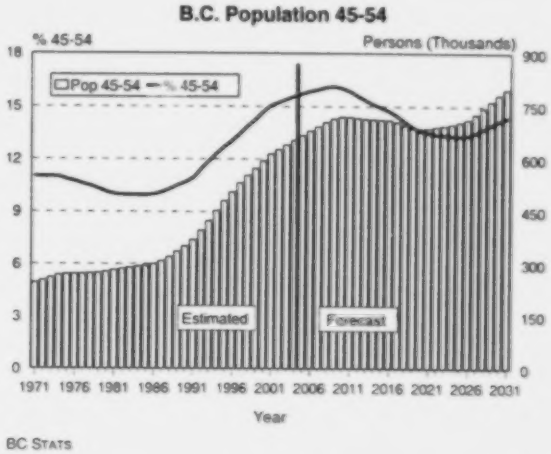
The population aged 25–34, which is generally associated with first time household formation, is expected to increase in absolute numbers and share over the next 12 to 13 years, then decline for the remainder of the projection period.

Trailing edge of baby-boom cohort



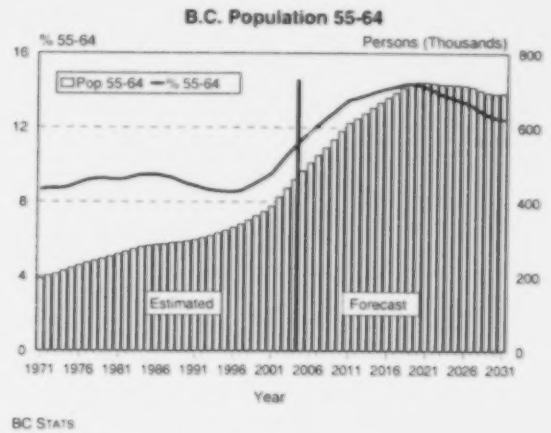
The population currently aged 35–44 includes the youngest of the baby-boom cohort, now aged 40–44. The population in this age group is expected to fall slightly over the next ten years, then return to strong growth.

Competition for top positions



The population of mature labour force age (45–54 years) went through a period of slow growth for a couple of decades. In the last ten years this growth has increased in part due to the entry of older baby-boomers into this age group. As a result, the population is increasing significantly. This will have repercussions on the labour force, especially in terms of meeting career goals. Many people in this age group will be competing for a limited number of higher level jobs.

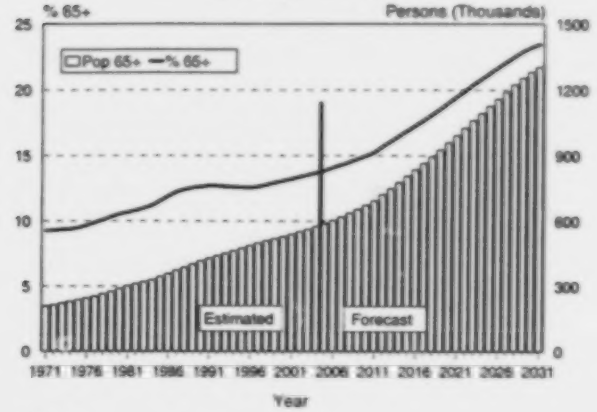
Early retirement options



Both the share and size of those aged 55–64 will increase strongly in the first 17 years of the projection. If greater numbers of this age group opt for early retirement (before 65) the effect may be felt by increased turnover in the labour market and greater demand for retirement housing and services.

Senior age group becoming larger

B.C. Population 65+



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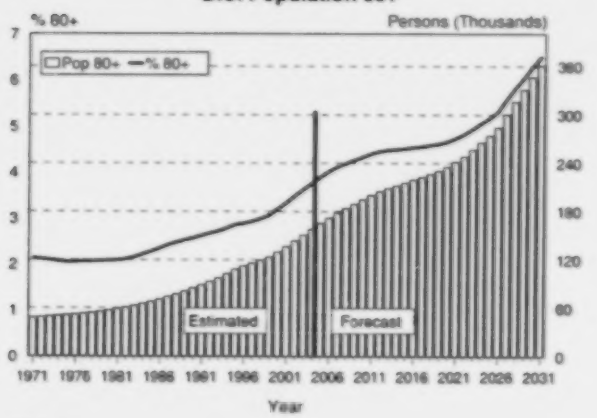
Both the share and overall population of retirement age (65+) will continue to increase significantly (from 13.2 per cent in 2001 to 23.5 per cent in 2031). This will result in a significant increase in regionally focused demand for community services for this group.

Health costs rise with longevity

B.C. Population 80+



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The very senior population (80+) will also increase significantly, growing from 3.3 per cent of the population in 2001 to 6.5 per cent in 2031. This increase will have a serious impact on health care expenditures given the higher per capita health costs associated with people older than 80.

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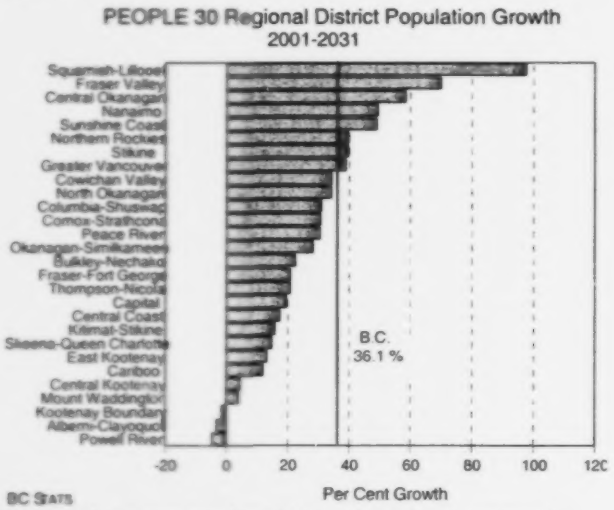
Regional District Population Growth

There are substantial disparities with respect to projected growth among the 28 British Columbia Regional Districts. Southern regions of the province will likely see much higher growth rates than regions in the north.

Figure 12

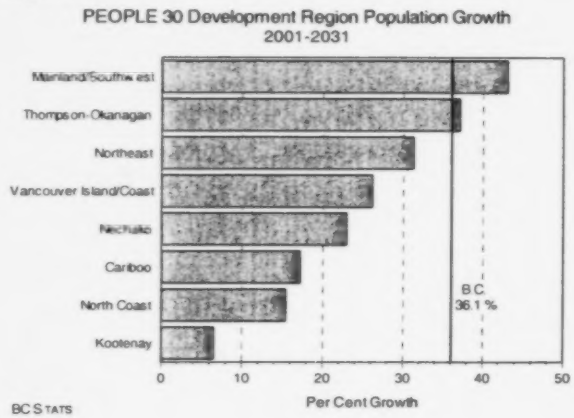


One of the reasons for this is that the economic base in the northern regions is far more resource dependent than the Lower Mainland, the lower portion of Vancouver Island, and the Okanagan. The regions that are expected to experience a decline tend to be those that are heavily dependent on resource extraction industries.

Development Region Population Growth

Figure 13, which depicts growth by Development Region, exhibits strong growth in the southwest. Both the Mainland-Southwest and Thompson-Okanagan regions are expected to experience around 40 per cent growth over the 2001 to 2031 period. The slower growth in the Kootenay region is largely due to the anticipated reductions in mining and forestry activity following depletion of resources and increases in productivity. An increase in resorts in the East Kootenays will likely result in more seasonal stays in the area.

Figure 13

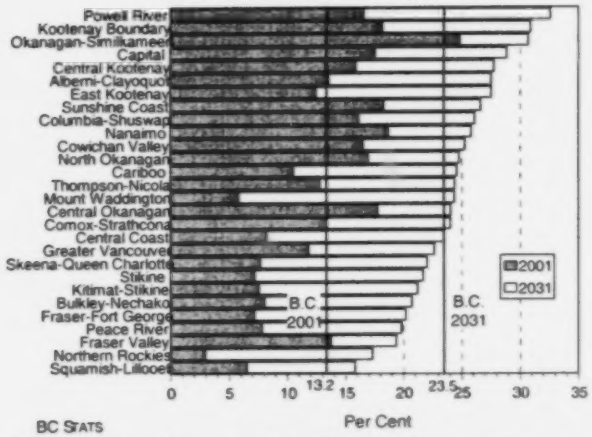


Regional District Population 65+

There are regional differences with respect to age as well. Currently, the population 65 and over (as a percent of total population) is much smaller in most of the remote areas, and greater in the more populous, southern regions of the province.

Figure 14

PEOPLE 30 Regional District Population 65 and Over as a Per Cent of Total Population



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This is largely a combination of the greater access to services (particularly those related to health care) in the larger centres, and the more pleasant climate of the southern regions, which attracts the elderly looking for a place to retire.

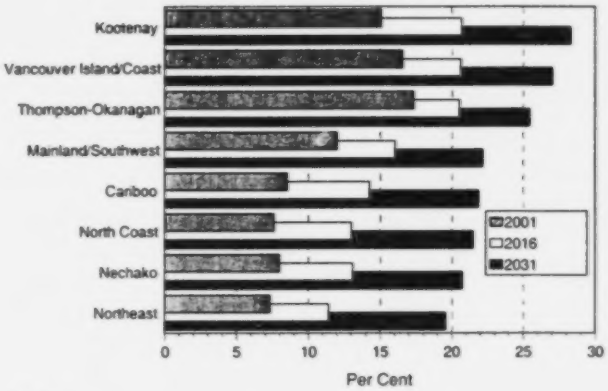
The Regional District chart in Figure 14 indicates that some regions will experience proportionately larger increases in the per cent of population over 65. In many of these cases, this is the result of differential rates of migration to or from an area. Migrants tend to be younger than the population at large. Hence, in regions of high net inflows of population the aging process is slowed. Alternatively, where there is a net outflow, population aging accelerates.

Development Region Population 65+

On a larger scale, the Development Regions show a similar pattern of a more aged population in the south. However, the regions to the north will see proportionately larger increases in the proportion of the population over 65.

Figure 15

PEOPLE 30 Development Region Population 65 and Over as a Per Cent of Total Population



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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted
Ave: average
bd ft: board feet
C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen
Can: Canada, Canadian
GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9
m3: cubic metres
mil: million
MLS: Multiple Listing Service
Moly: molybdenum
mth: month (as in: previous mth)
NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System
SA: seasonally adjusted
T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange
US: United States of America
WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Labour Force Activity					Earnings		Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits	
	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Wages and Salaries	Average Weekly Wage Rate	Number of Beneficiaries	$
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA	Unadjusted		
2001	2,082.3	1,922.1	7.7	64.0	32.2	61,495.9	648.13	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,143.8	1,960.1	8.6	65.0	32.0	63,192.7	668.15	817,850	1,073,203.5
2003	2,190.5	2,014.2	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,310.1	683.82	813,520	1,059,531.1
2004	2,219.2	2,059.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	68,101.6	686.61	737,780	960,359.7
Jan-03	2,153.1	1,981.9	8.0	64.8	32.3	5,427.1	682.07	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,169.1	1,994.0	8.1	65.3	32.7	5,416.9	681.94	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,181.1	2,013.2	7.7	65.6	32.8	5,394.7	681.83	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,183.5	2,008.8	8.0	65.5	28.9	5,405.2	679.75	71,440	86,968.3
May-03	2,183.0	1,996.9	8.4	65.5	33.2	5,402.8	684.26	66,040	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,175.2	1,999.8	8.1	65.2	33.6	5,402.5	686.74	60,670	89,008.4
Jul-03	2,196.6	2,009.1	8.5	65.7	31.6	5,436.7	685.72	64,540	75,483.9
Aug-03	2,193.9	2,011.8	8.3	65.6	30.5	5,430.6	687.79	67,120	83,006.1
Sep-03	2,209.6	2,013.3	8.9	65.9	33.3	5,482.5	690.66	54,170	87,528.0
Oct-03	2,213.8	2,041.4	7.8	66.0	29.7	5,500.8	683.81	58,550	66,990.2
Nov-03	2,209.2	2,037.7	7.8	65.8	29.6	5,492.9	682.56	65,750	86,669.7
Dec-03	2,215.0	2,057.1	7.1	65.9	32.9	5,517.3	678.46	73,050	92,179.5
Jan-04	2,220.2	2,054.9	7.4	66.0	32.4	5,554.2	678.67	81,270	102,257.2
Feb-04	2,202.0	2,030.1	7.8	65.4	33.4	5,595.3	685.65	76,980	109,369.0
Mar-04	2,203.6	2,033.5	7.7	65.3	31.5	5,618.3	677.70	72,950	94,275.5
Apr-04	2,199.1	2,033.2	7.5	65.1	31.1	5,647.0	676.04	65,970	79,729.2
May-04	2,214.6	2,048.3	7.5	65.5	33.4	5,642.0	673.81	59,490	87,371.7
Jun-04	2,234.1	2,071.1	7.3	66.0	33.9	5,672.6	678.14	52,460	65,468.6
Jul-04	2,226.3	2,070.3	7.0	65.6	32.1	5,690.2	680.96	52,750	61,242.0
Aug-04	2,227.6	2,062.1	7.4	65.6	31.0	5,696.5	688.27	58,430	85,782.8
Sep-04	2,218.7	2,069.5	6.7	65.2	34.1	5,705.5	697.88	46,790	61,903.3
Oct-04	2,231.2	2,079.4	6.8	65.5	30.2	5,729.8	704.09	49,490	62,134.7
Nov-04	2,220.9	2,076.8	6.5	65.1	30.6	5,733.1	700.51	57,360	73,706.0
Dec-04	2,228.2	2,089.5	6.2	65.3	33.7	5,817.1	696.56	63,840	77,119.8
Jan-05	2,236.9	2,091.7	6.5	65.4	32.9	5,769.1	708.09	73,320	105,871.9
Feb-05	2,258.1	2,099.8	7.0	66.0	33.9	5,832.0	704.90	68,190	84,184.6
Mar-05	2,248.2	2,101.0	6.5	65.6	33.8	5,861.5	698.01	62,300	78,729.6
Apr-05	2,251.0	2,114.3	6.1	65.6	34.1	-	700.56	57,510	71,114.1
May-05	2,261.4	2,132.0	5.7	65.7	33.8	-	698.81	50,830	77,672.4
Jun-05	2,256.7	2,126.2	5.8	65.5	33.8	-	700.73	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(l-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,252.1	a 2,110.8	a 6.3	a 65.6	a 33.7	t 17,462.6	a 701.85	a 62,430	t 417.6
% change	1.8	3.2	n/a	n/a	3.4	4.1	3.5	-12.5	-11.7
Last 12 months	2,238.8	2,092.7	6.5	65.5	32.8	68,796.4	698.28	57,773	904,929.7
Previous 12	2,209.3	2,036.8	7.8	65.7	31.9	65,839.1	681.58	66,709	1,053,868.3
% change	1.3	2.7	n/a	n/a	2.8	4.5	2.4	-13.4	-14.1
% ch. year ago	1.0	2.7	n/a	n/a	-0.3	4.3	3.3	-14.6	-11.1
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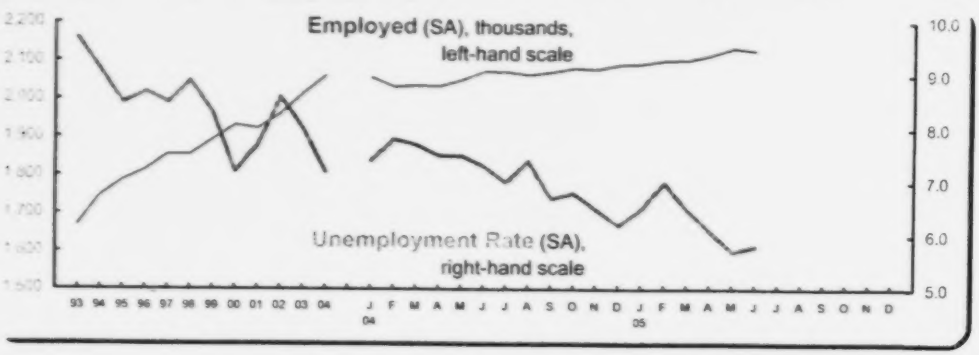
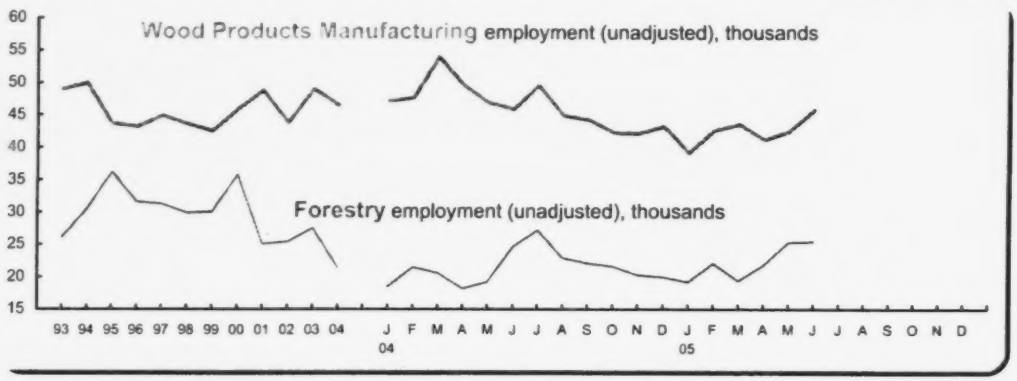


2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

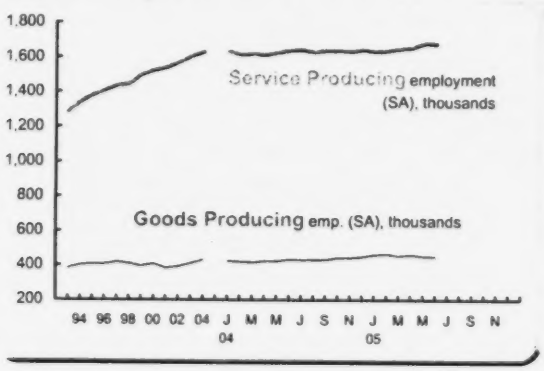
Period	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
	Thousands of persons										
	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2001	383.9	25.8	25.1	4.8	11.4	10.9	110.8	22.1	48.8	15.0	195.1
2002	392.3	29.6	25.4	3.1	9.2	11.3	117.4	23.6	43.8	17.0	196.4
2003	411.7	32.3	27.5	4.5	13.2	11.1	117.4	27.0	49.0	14.4	205.7
2004	431.0	36.7	21.4	2.9	11.0	9.0	141.7	25.3	46.5	11.9	208.4
Jan-03	404.6	31.6	27.8	5.2	7.4	11.3	115.1	24.6	45.5	17.9	202.6
Feb-03	409.7	33.1	27.7	3.7	11.5	12.0	115.8	25.5	50.1	15.4	204.1
Mar-03	424.4	34.7	27.2	3.8	14.7	12.6	121.5	22.2	51.4	15.5	208.2
Apr-03	408.9	32.4	26.0	1.9	13.8	11.6	110.3	24.0	50.3	14.6	206.8
May-03	413.9	31.9	26.2	2.4	18.0	11.3	113.9	24.5	53.4	14.7	208.6
Jun-03	411.3	30.5	28.6	4.5	14.5	11.1	116.3	25.3	51.8	17.0	206.3
Jul-03	412.4	31.2	32.9	4.2	15.7	10.6	117.7	26.5	50.2	16.1	205.4
Aug-03	408.0	32.2	27.7	6.2	11.3	10.8	117.1	28.9	46.5	15.2	206.3
Sep-03	407.6	31.4	28.9	5.6	12.7	10.8	116.9	27.6	43.9	12.7	203.8
Oct-03	415.6	31.9	28.1	6.5	15.1	10.9	119.8	32.3	48.5	12.9	206.3
Nov-03	413.8	35.1	25.4	6.3	10.5	10.8	121.3	30.8	50.2	11.4	204.5
Dec-03	411.3	32.8	23.3	3.8	12.7	9.4	122.4	31.8	46.5	9.5	206.1
Jan-04	425.2	35.6	18.5	5.0	10.8	9.2	131.8	36.3	47.2	10.5	211.3
Feb-04	419.6	36.5	21.5	3.2	11.1	8.3	126.4	27.6	47.7	10.9	211.0
Mar-04	415.6	35.3	20.6	3.0	8.9	9.4	131.2	24.3	54.0	9.4	205.9
Apr-04	422.7	37.0	18.2	2.7	8.4	10.0	134.6	23.7	49.6	10.3	207.5
May-04	423.0	39.3	19.2	3.5	10.2	10.4	134.0	22.6	46.9	14.2	205.3
Jun-04	433.2	39.3	24.7	2.9	10.1	10.4	141.1	21.7	45.9	14.5	205.2
Jul-04	431.5	37.1	27.2	2.5	9.8	9.1	140.5	18.5	49.6	13.4	209.5
Aug-04	433.3	36.1	22.9	3.6	10.5	10.1	143.2	22.1	44.9	11.8	209.6
Sep-04	432.7	33.3	22.1	2.5	11.0	8.5	148.3	22.2	44.3	11.3	208.9
Oct-04	442.6	37.4	21.6	2.4	13.0	8.0	153.7	26.8	42.3	12.7	208.7
Nov-04	443.8	35.4	20.3	1.6	13.3	7.1	155.6	29.3	42.2	11.2	210.5
Dec-04	448.1	38.8	20.0	2.6	14.9	7.5	156.8	28.4	43.3	13.2	208.2
Jan-05	460.4	40.6	19.2	-	13.8	8.0	166.2	33.0	39.2	12.5	208.8
Feb-05	463.1	41.8	22.1	1.6	12.6	9.3	168.9	33.2	42.7	12.5	205.6
Mar-05	454.0	41.3	19.4	-	14.5	10.1	168.2	30.2	43.6	12.9	198.5
Apr-05	459.9	42.6	21.8	-	12.0	10.3	173.0	26.7	41.2	13.8	194.1
May-05	452.7	38.8	25.3	3.0	12.5	12.8	166.0	27.4	42.5	13.7	193.6
Jun-05	450.3	40.7	25.5	4.9	12.9	13.3	164.0	24.7	45.8	11.0	190.4
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 456.7	a 41.0	a 22.2	a 1.6	a 13.1	a 10.6	a 167.7	a 29.2	a 42.5	a 12.7	a 198.5
% change	7.9	10.2	8.6	-53.2	31.6	10.6	25.9	12.2	-12.5	9.5	-4.4
Last 12 months	447.7	38.7	22.3	2.1	12.6	9.5	158.7	26.9	43.5	12.5	203.9
Previous 12	417.3	34.8	24.1	4.4	11.5	10.1	126.2	27.8	48.1	12.3	206.6
% change	7.3	11.1	-7.5	-53.3	9.7	-5.7	25.8	-3.5	-9.6	1.6	-1.3
% ch. year ago	3.9	3.6	3.2	69.0	27.7	27.9	16.2	13.8	-0.2	-24.1	-7.2
% ch prev mnth	-0.5	4.9	0.8	63.3	3.2	3.9	-1.2	-9.9	7.8	-19.7	-1.7

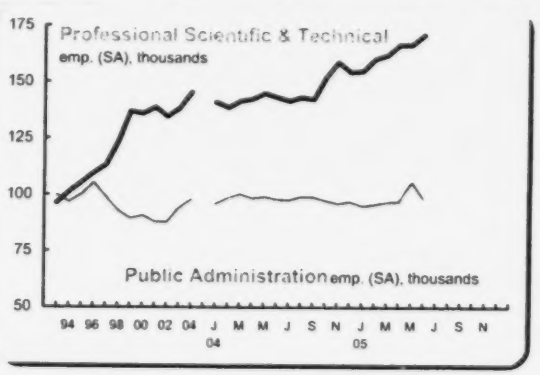


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2001	1,538.2	304.0	112.6	122.1	138.6	138.4	197.9	105.3	164.2	88.0
2002	1,567.9	323.4	112.2	125.7	134.5	137.5	211.6	105.8	162.4	87.8
2003	1,602.5	329.5	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.4	213.5	107.1	161.9	94.1
2004	1,628.7	320.6	117.7	131.5	145.2	135.1	219.5	111.4	174.8	97.9
Jan-03	1,577.3	338.8	117.3	128.7	130.5	142.9	206.0	101.2	157.3	89.0
Feb-03	1,584.3	333.3	117.8	128.8	130.5	144.5	213.5	100.5	156.4	93.2
Mar-03	1,588.8	328.3	120.4	128.1	134.4	146.9	211.6	101.3	159.7	88.4
Apr-03	1,600.0	332.1	120.6	129.9	134.0	141.8	215.4	106.6	157.3	89.1
May-03	1,585.0	325.3	120.9	122.9	131.9	141.1	215.1	110.1	156.6	90.3
Jun-03	1,588.5	326.0	115.9	126.8	134.2	137.0	216.9	107.5	159.5	94.4
Jul-03	1,596.7	324.5	113.8	124.4	141.4	140.3	214.1	109.3	160.8	97.8
Aug-03	1,603.8	325.4	119.1	122.9	145.3	140.3	210.3	107.4	165.3	94.1
Sep-03	1,605.7	331.4	114.4	123.9	143.7	131.9	211.2	112.2	167.5	96.0
Oct-03	1,625.9	330.9	117.4	125.4	145.0	140.8	213.6	108.9	166.6	99.6
Nov-03	1,623.9	328.3	119.9	127.2	143.2	136.9	214.5	108.1	166.5	98.4
Dec-03	1,645.8	328.5	123.5	126.4	143.8	139.3	220.0	110.7	169.3	97.4
Jan-04	1,629.8	339.6	119.7	128.2	140.8	138.7	215.6	109.1	163.6	95.9
Feb-04	1,610.6	325.5	116.3	124.4	138.5	137.3	212.5	111.7	168.3	98.6
Mar-04	1,617.9	331.2	112.9	129.8	141.5	132.4	220.7	108.3	168.3	100.1
Apr-04	1,610.4	320.0	117.0	131.7	142.4	132.4	218.6	105.4	173.3	98.3
May-04	1,625.3	322.8	117.9	131.8	144.8	136.9	217.2	104.7	170.7	98.9
Jun-04	1,637.9	321.3	123.1	129.9	143.0	137.0	224.4	112.3	176.5	97.9
Jul-04	1,638.9	324.6	124.4	127.9	141.5	134.9	221.6	113.0	177.7	97.6
Aug-04	1,628.8	316.4	118.3	138.5	143.0	128.1	218.5	116.6	177.0	99.0
Sep-04	1,636.7	314.2	118.0	132.3	142.2	138.6	226.3	115.1	178.2	98.8
Oct-04	1,636.8	311.4	118.3	134.3	152.0	135.0	217.7	115.7	179.4	97.3
Nov-04	1,633.0	310.3	113.3	133.1	158.5	136.2	218.4	111.4	181.6	96.0
Dec-04	1,641.3	311.9	113.0	136.1	154.3	133.2	222.7	112.8	182.7	96.7
Jan-05	1,631.2	318.8	115.0	131.0	154.8	134.1	215.6	109.5	178.4	95.0
Feb-05	1,636.8	322.4	114.5	133.2	160.1	138.5	216.3	105.3	166.0	95.6
Mar-05	1,647.0	327.6	114.9	139.9	161.9	138.7	212.6	98.6	166.9	96.6
Apr-05	1,654.3	322.3	111.5	136.5	166.3	146.2	210.5	99.7	178.1	96.9
May-05	1,679.2	328.9	118.3	139.6	166.6	148.6	205.2	97.0	180.1	105.6
Jun-05	1,675.9	322.2	116.7	143.2	170.8	152.6	204.9	107.9	174.7	98.2
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,654.1	a 323.7	a 115.2	a 137.2	a 163.4	a 143.1	a 210.9	a 103.0	a 174.0	a 98.0
% change	2.0	-0.9	-2.3	6.1	15.2	5.4	-3.4	-5.1	2.3	-0.3
Last 12 months	1,645.0	319.3	116.4	135.5	156.0	138.7	215.9	108.6	176.7	97.8
Previous 12	1,619.5	327.5	117.9	127.2	142.8	137.0	216.1	109.0	168.1	97.8
% change	1.6	-2.5	-1.3	6.5	9.3	1.2	-0.1	-0.4	5.2	0.0
% ch. year ago	2.3	0.3	-5.2	10.2	19.4	11.4	-8.7	-3.9	-1.0	0.3
% ch prev mnth	-0.2	-2.0	-1.4	2.6	2.5	2.7	-0.1	11.2	-3.0	-7.0

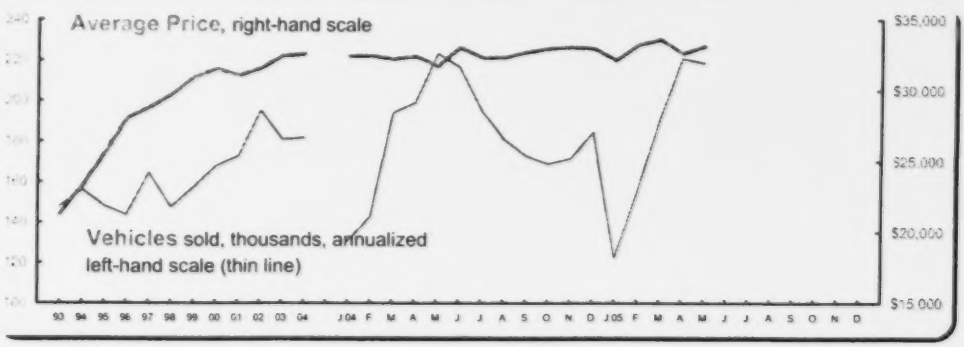




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

	Business				Consumer				
		Business	Bankruptcies Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada		Consumer	Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2001	35,884.7	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	40,718.9	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	38,467.9	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	43,265.0	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
2003	39,910.7	23,243	1,002	9,385	120.4	44,421.0	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
2004	43,856.9	25,428	922	8,378	122.8	47,216.6	2,750.8	181,605	5,907,610
Jan-03	3,478.7	2,122	101	731	119.0	3,695.4	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	3,450.7	1,804	93	857	119.6	3,733.6	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	3,403.0	1,952	103	879	120.6	3,600.8	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	3,264.9	1,844	92	862	120.4	3,635.9	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	3,242.6	1,747	68	761	120.4	3,648.3	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	3,196.9	2,047	93	840	120.2	3,659.9	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	3,229.5	1,837	81	821	120.5	3,688.7	197.8	16,982	546,553
Aug-03	3,193.2	1,818	61	684	120.9	3,809.1	214.1	15,961	516,156
Sep-03	3,306.8	2,056	87	767	121.2	3,726.9	197.6	14,310	482,072
Oct-03	3,320.3	2,023	75	827	120.6	3,711.1	211.5	13,784	455,682
Nov-03	3,390.7	2,050	73	709	120.8	3,747.4	253.9	14,389	460,714
Dec-03	3,433.3	1,943	75	655	120.9	3,764.0	370.8	14,242	471,844
Jan-04	3,396.3	2,115	79	665	120.8	3,780.9	162.3	10,894	353,088
Feb-04	3,391.6	2,015	71	757	121.3	3,790.0	168.7	11,896	385,560
Mar-04	3,496.5	2,045	89	877	121.6	3,895.5	191.2	16,155	520,301
Apr-04	3,624.4	2,109	94	730	122.4	3,901.9	213.5	16,582	537,134
May-04	3,625.7	2,156	73	692	123.4	3,917.2	220.2	18,600	589,843
Jun-04	3,658.3	2,337	75	832	123.6	3,943.1	223.2	18,040	595,439
Jul-04	3,794.5	2,075	68	618	123.4	3,986.5	228.5	16,246	524,992
Aug-04	3,804.1	2,031	74	610	123.3	3,972.2	227.6	15,073	487,328
Sep-04	3,747.8	2,022	57	681	123.5	3,997.9	224.6	14,388	470,545
Oct-04	3,825.7	2,015	79	684	123.5	4,029.0	235.7	14,063	463,546
Nov-04	3,724.6	2,109	81	643	123.7	4,008.3	259.9	14,293	472,926
Dec-04	3,767.4	2,399	81	597	123.5	3,994.2	395.4	15,375	506,908
Jan-05	3,676.7	2,141	52	665	123.6	3,983.5	179.1	10,199	327,696
Feb-05	3,830.7	2,223	70	798	123.8	4,095.6	176.7	12,920	429,511
Mar-05	3,969.5	2,450	74	742	124.1	4,126.5	214.9	15,901	534,497
Apr-05	3,903.5	2,442	64	741	124.9	4,134.2	224.0	18,393	599,968
May-05	3,962.1	2,437	77	739	125.2	4,122.5	230.1	18,206	603,311
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	125.4	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 19,342.6	t 11,693	t 337	t 3,685	a 124.5	t 20,462.2	t 1,024.7	t 75,619	t 2,494,983
% change	10.3	12.0	-17.0	-1.0	1.9	6.1	7.2	2.0	4.6
Last 12 months	45,665.0	26,681	852	8,350	124.0	48,393.3	2,819.7	183,097	6,016,667
Previous 12	40,605.3	24,214	951	9,024	121.5	45,392.6	2,603.9	179,630	5,831,731
% change	12.5	10.2	-10.4	-7.5	2.1	6.6	8.3	1.9	3.2
% ch. year ago	9.3	13.0	5.5	6.8	1.5	5.2	4.5	-2.1	2.3
% ch prev mnth	1.5	-0.2	20.3	-0.3	0.2	-0.3	2.7	-1.0	0.6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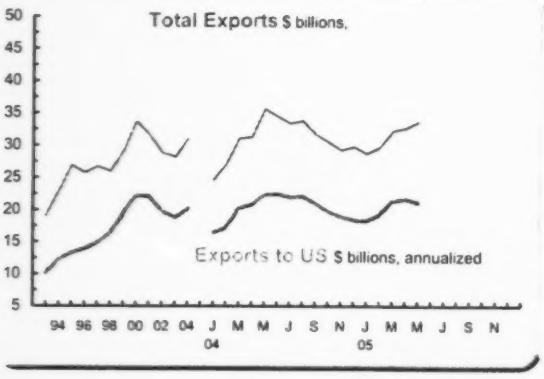
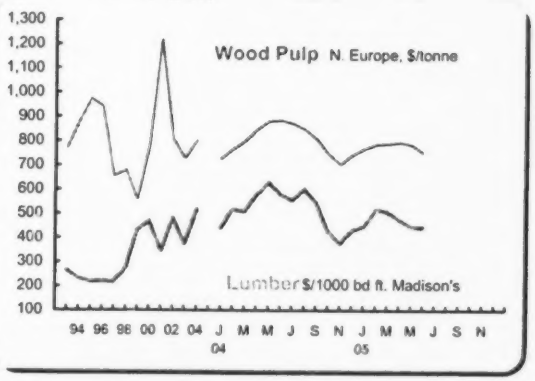
5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
2001	31,679.7	22,104.4	4,066.1	31,640.7	344.86	1,218.08	1.11	419.83	6.79	7.45	40.08
2002	28,828.4	19,665.8	3,858.5	31,533.2	480.11	804.60	1.11	486.82	7.23	6.77	40.95
2003	28,191.7	18,792.3	3,649.4	31,263.0	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
2004	31,048.1	20,121.2	3,801.6	32,871.9	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
Jan-03	2,359.4	1,561.5	308.4	2,405.5	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	50.76
Feb-03	2,307.3	1,505.3	302.4	2,454.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	54.25
Mar-03	2,626.8	1,773.7	321.1	2,908.9	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	49.52
Apr-03	2,438.3	1,585.4	346.3	2,843.3	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	41.20
May-03	2,335.0	1,562.6	333.6	2,668.4	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	38.96
Jun-03	2,270.8	1,547.4	282.2	2,669.8	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	41.54
Jul-03	2,383.6	1,649.3	310.8	2,527.1	380.61	725.92	1.08	483.25	6.59	0.51	42.50
Aug-03	2,412.8	1,644.6	287.8	2,392.2	437.68	713.99	1.12	502.11	6.98	0.52	44.09
Sep-03	2,395.2	1,623.5	318.0	2,682.3	490.22	706.94	1.10	516.59	7.05	0.50	38.57
Oct-03	2,285.6	1,537.1	276.5	2,839.9	391.27	708.01	1.15	500.75	6.57	0.54	40.09
Nov-03	2,127.0	1,387.9	261.4	2,461.6	397.71	723.23	1.22	511.60	6.80	0.54	40.81
Dec-03	2,249.9	1,414.0	300.9	2,409.4	397.79	733.87	1.31	534.94	7.38	0.58	42.21
Jan-04	2,052.3	1,367.5	247.6	2,149.3	441.93	725.75	1.43	536.18	8.18	0.60	44.41
Feb-04	2,250.5	1,434.6	283.6	2,440.4	515.64	765.48	1.66	538.07	8.56	0.65	46.17
Mar-04	2,591.8	1,689.8	322.3	3,025.6	508.76	798.34	1.81	540.20	9.60	0.66	48.83
Apr-04	2,605.8	1,731.7	279.7	2,683.0	574.57	845.74	1.79	541.36	9.48	0.63	49.25
May-04	2,969.9	1,863.3	390.2	2,945.7	628.52	882.13	1.61	528.97	8.06	0.61	55.52
Jun-04	2,871.8	1,865.2	383.0	2,865.8	577.01	883.84	1.66	532.62	7.96	0.62	51.62
Jul-04	2,783.6	1,829.7	340.5	2,802.0	555.22	871.16	1.69	526.25	8.34	0.59	53.79
Aug-04	2,813.9	1,841.5	349.5	2,828.9	599.48	847.40	1.69	525.31	8.74	0.58	58.95
Sep-04	2,639.0	1,749.3	328.1	2,877.9	543.45	807.45	1.69	521.92	8.24	0.57	59.17
Oct-04	2,545.2	1,639.8	288.1	2,862.2	425.21	745.67	1.70	524.29	8.85	0.60	66.25
Nov-04	2,440.7	1,576.9	275.0	2,875.3	376.76	703.29	1.67	525.54	8.95	0.60	57.96
Dec-04	2,483.5	1,531.9	313.9	2,515.9	430.35	741.22	1.73	538.58	8.66	0.66	52.82
Jan-05	2,397.1	1,526.4	265.0	2,520.6	447.25	767.06	1.76	519.58	8.10	0.69	57.39
Feb-05	2,473.5	1,599.7	300.0	2,674.4	516.94	785.95	1.82	524.69	8.71	0.74	59.47
Mar-05	2,687.5	1,779.8	307.8	3,055.6	507.11	788.03	1.86	528.16	8.83	0.75	66.05
Apr-05	2,718.9	1,804.7	302.5	2,867.2	473.40	794.76	1.90	530.57	8.80	0.73	65.56
May-05	2,803.2	1,758.4	376.8	2,995.9	444.45	783.44	1.85	529.69	8.81	0.70	62.56
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	444.00	750.33	1.98	534.11	9.18	0.72	69.77
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 13,080.2	t 8,469.0	t 1,552.1	t 14,113.7	a 472.19	a 778.26	a 1.86	a 527.80	a 8.74	a 0.72	a 63.47
% change	4.9	4.7	1.9	6.6	-12.7	-4.7	12.1	-1.6	1.1	14.9	28.7
Last 12 months	31,658.0	20,503.3	3,830.2	33,741.6	480.30	782.15	1.78	527.39	8.68	0.66	60.81
Previous 12	28,595.2	18,890.8	3,561.1	31,226.2	478.48	767.77	1.41	522.22	7.77	0.58	45.34
% change	10.7	8.5	7.6	8.1	0.4	1.9	26.0	1.0	11.8	13.9	34.1
% ch. year ago	-5.6	-5.6	-3.4	1.7	-23.1	-15.1	19.3	0.3	15.3	16.1	35.2
% ch. prev mnth	3.1	-2.6	24.6	4.5	-0.1	-4.2	7.0	0.8	4.2	2.9	11.5

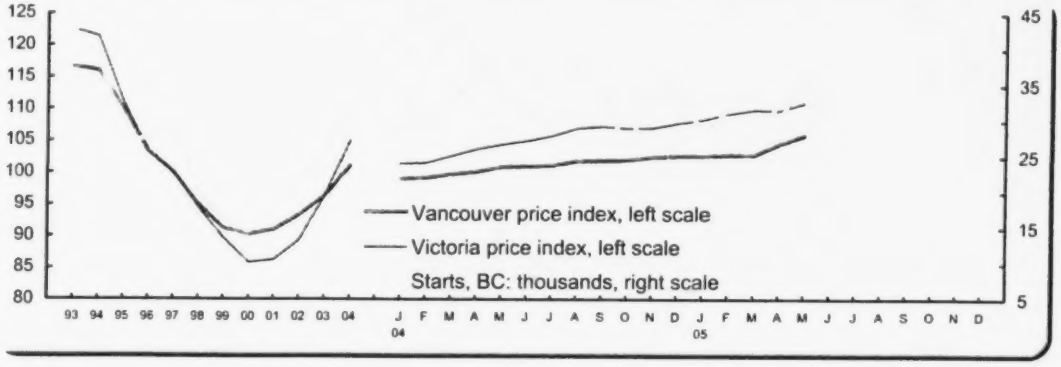




6 Construction and Housing

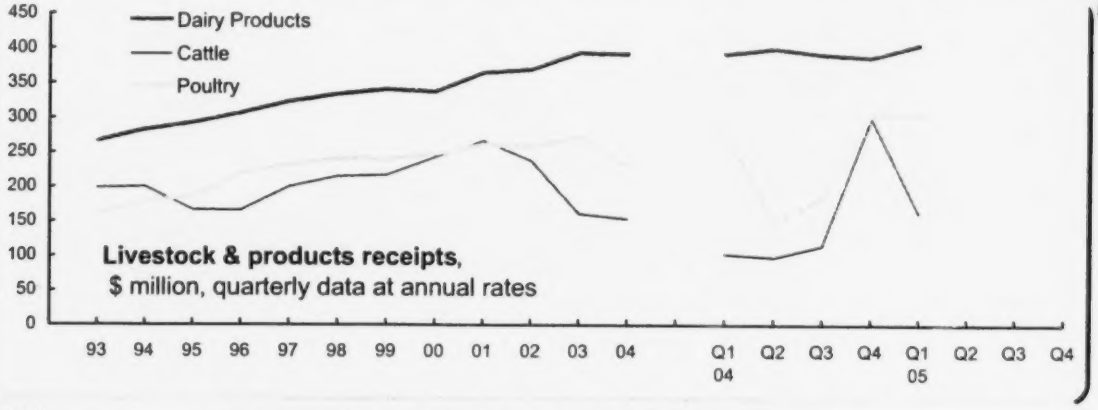
Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

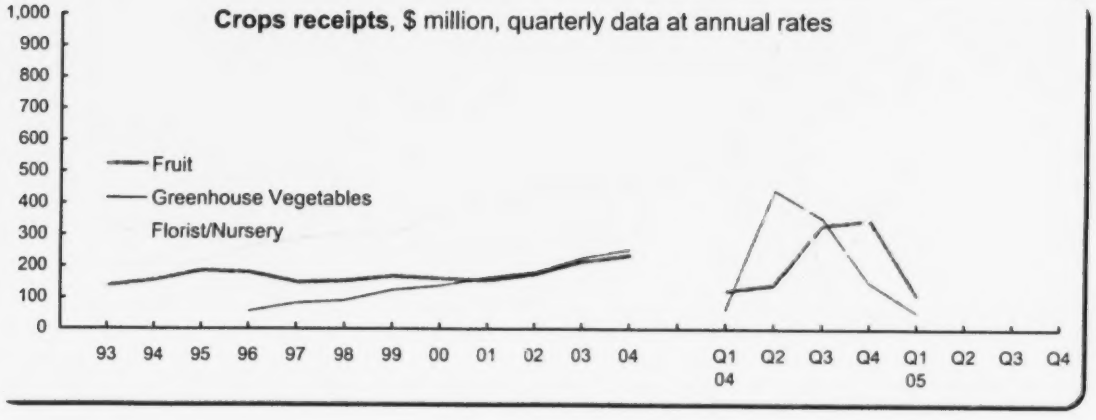
Period	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada) Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Housing Starts All Areas	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada) Vancouver	Victoria	MLS® Average Sale Price
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2001	4,954,772	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	90.9	86.2	220,952
2002	5,659,415	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	93.2	89.3	238,758
2003	6,394,238	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
Jan-03	481,441	319,116	18,846	107,332	36,147	19.2	94.2	91.6	242,202
Feb-03	399,519	282,881	11,044	73,104	32,490	26.0	95.0	92.2	252,186
Mar-03	536,734	419,344	10,789	79,820	26,781	24.8	95.3	92.8	252,979
Apr-03	521,648	331,637	36,824	98,387	54,800	24.2	95.6	93.9	250,071
May-03	498,262	359,113	13,091	98,525	27,533	20.9	96.4	94.2	250,522
Jun-03	479,935	342,127	16,070	84,186	37,552	22.8	96.5	95.7	256,107
Jul-03	592,734	384,395	35,241	107,044	66,054	30.2	96.7	96.8	255,162
Aug-03	517,403	365,844	16,783	92,399	42,377	27.3	96.5	98.1	264,008
Sep-03	712,974	485,325	23,417	108,930	95,302	31.9	96.6	98.7	267,870
Oct-03	532,720	392,589	30,595	82,263	27,273	33.7	97.1	99.7	271,750
Nov-03	530,766	373,473	20,284	110,006	27,003	26.4	97.5	100.4	278,780
Dec-03	590,101	458,338	11,040	87,629	33,094	27.2	97.6	100.9	276,371
Jan-04	640,322	473,262	6,975	137,537	22,548	32.8	99.0	101.4	274,852
Feb-04	625,773	492,787	24,844	98,213	9,929	29.5	99.2	101.5	282,348
Mar-04	575,877	435,899	15,345	96,286	28,347	31.8	99.7	102.6	286,844
Apr-04	586,608	459,848	13,719	93,903	19,138	38.5	100.1	103.7	291,398
May-04	579,501	441,574	17,612	84,062	36,253	33.6	100.9	104.4	289,975
Jun-04	1,028,549	775,697	48,218	142,886	61,748	30.9	101.0	105.0	287,158
Jul-04	607,230	440,474	27,024	68,784	70,948	29.1	101.1	105.8	281,599
Aug-04	608,297	412,654	37,720	118,517	39,406	37.6	101.8	107.0	284,685
Sep-04	716,017	550,565	28,060	101,576	35,816	33.6	101.9	107.3	288,340
Oct-04	531,157	422,713	14,598	78,441	15,405	26.1	102.0	107.0	301,576
Nov-04	791,418	566,501	68,221	92,032	64,664	34.6	102.5	107.1	296,667
Dec-04	647,976	396,963	25,714	115,788	109,511	34.6	102.7	107.8	303,977
Jan-05	652,427	467,530	20,733	110,574	53,590	28.3	102.7	108.4	292,931
Feb-05	800,047	555,395	14,641	192,150	37,861	31.7	102.8	109.3	312,594
Mar-05	906,372	523,919	29,540	247,350	105,563	35.0	102.8	109.9	320,262
Apr-05	861,759	591,849	24,761	205,096	40,053	30.5	104.5	109.8	323,674
May-05	803,747	529,566	18,409	147,116	108,656	35.2	105.9	111.0	331,021
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	30.5	-	-	330,291
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 4,024,352	t 3,840,405	t 108,084	t 902,286	t 345,723	a 31.9	a 103.7	a 109.7	a 318,462
% change	33.8	31.8	37.7	76.9	197.5	-3.0	4.0	6.8	11.6
Last 12 months	8,954,996	8,864,889	357,639	1,620,310	743,221	32.2	102.6	108.0	305,635
Previous 12	6,964,714	6,926,017	231,925	1,182,458	444,870	31.2	98.1	100.3	277,210
% change	28.6	28.0	54.2	37.0	67.1	3.5	4.6	7.6	10.3
% ch. year ago	38.7	38.6	4.5	75.0	199.7	-1.3	5.0	6.3	15.0
% ch prev mnth	-6.7	9.1	-25.7	-28.3	171.3	-13.4	1.3	1.1	-0.2



7 Agriculture

	Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)										
	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total
Period	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	Farm Cash Receipts
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2001	364,478	265,941	260,897	279,450	1,170,766	154,782	163,835	394,354	280,866	993,837	2,224,466
2002	368,630	237,188	257,753	265,738	1,129,309	173,978	180,247	423,694	258,557	1,036,476	2,196,700
2003	393,102	160,867	272,982	255,113	1,082,064	215,266	226,209	459,247	241,248	1,141,970	2,283,440
2004	391,731	153,401	228,431	237,290	1,010,853	235,706	251,881	465,365	251,242	1,204,194	2,402,599
Q1-03	97,255	57,247	63,149	60,059	277,710	26,237	14,310	114,810	57,550	212,907	498,408
Q2-03	99,044	32,438	69,928	49,232	250,642	32,295	99,781	223,474	42,324	397,874	652,885
Q3-03	98,158	17,693	71,786	57,342	244,979	75,319	79,048	30,509	65,794	250,670	506,763
Q4-03	98,645	53,489	68,119	88,480	308,733	81,415	33,070	90,454	75,580	280,519	625,384
Q1-04	97,946	25,616	68,963	59,672	252,197	30,324	15,765	116,340	59,660	222,089	500,939
Q2-04	99,669	24,544	37,232	42,108	203,553	35,427	110,673	226,609	40,913	413,622	654,544
Q3-04	97,554	28,587	46,248	48,761	221,150	82,908	88,300	31,553	73,798	276,559	511,575
Q4-04	96,562	74,654	75,988	86,749	333,953	87,047	37,143	90,863	76,871	291,924	735,541
Q1-05	101,163	40,258	76,285	51,086	268,792	27,520	13,771	134,858	56,962	233,111	543,061
Q2-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 101,163	t 40,258	t 76,285	t 51,086	t 268,792	t 35,220	t 13,771	t 134,858	t 49,262	t 233,111	t 543,061
% change	3.3	57.2	10.6	-14.4	6.6	-6.6	-12.6	15.9	-5.7	5.0	8.4
Last 4 quarters	394,948	168,043	235,753	228,704	1,027,448	232,902	249,887	483,883	248,544	1,215,216	2,444,721
Previous 4	393,793	129,236	278,796	254,726	1,056,551	219,353	227,664	460,777	243,358	1,151,152	2,285,971
% change	0.3	30.0	-15.4	-10.2	-2.8	6.2	9.8	5.0	2.1	5.6	6.9
% ch. year ago	3.3	57.2	10.6	-14.4	6.6	-8.8	-12.6	15.9	-4.7	5.0	8.4
% ch. prev qtr	4.8	-46.1	0.4	-41.1	-19.5	-69.4	-62.9	48.4	-20.6	-20.1	-26.2

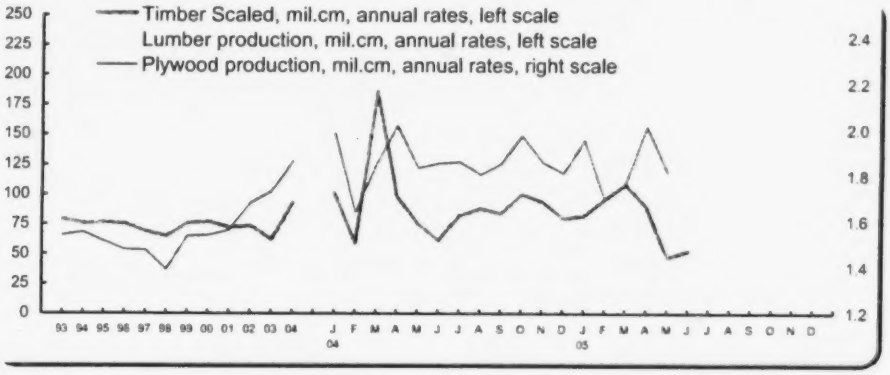




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

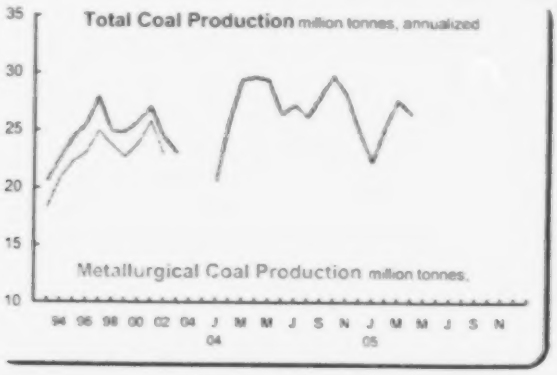
Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Cubic metres (000s)		Cubic metres	Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2001	72,212	32,605.7	1,563,884	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,519	35,500.9	1,680,352	1,159	1,731	2,890	4,477	1,171	1,729	7,380
2003	61,925	35,423.3	1,733,080	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
2004	92,361	39,204.6	1,863,057	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
Jan-03	5,290	3,192.1	146,395	106	154	260	441	104	145	689
Feb-03	9,296	3,114.6	143,287	95	141	236	390	90	153	633
Mar-03	10,494	3,290.3	147,246	106	143	249	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,232.9	153,464	102	148	250	374	100	152	626
May-03	4,933	3,040.7	138,689	97	154	251	336	96	150	582
Jun-03	2,615	2,857.8	146,246	88	116	204	358	104	132	594
Jul-03	2,884	2,898.5	135,981	103	124	227	434	97	133	593
Aug-03	4,805	2,450.7	130,438	102	121	223	416	94	137	646
Sep-03	4,126	2,804.0	147,744	92	125	217	448	102	133	683
Oct-03	3,647	3,298.2	166,120	101	166	267	382	90	156	628
Nov-03	69	2,661.6	141,692	100	152	252	371	104	149	625
Dec-03	9,362	2,581.9	135,778	98	148	246	419	95	145	659
Jan-04	8,387	2,972.5	165,383	103	151	254	389	96	139	624
Feb-04	4,894	3,116.9	136,844	96	147	243	387	96	140	622
Mar-04	15,492	3,497.0	154,530	98	164	262	386	112	171	669
Apr-04	8,174	3,494.7	168,132	102	156	258	388	89	155	631
May-04	6,313	3,095.0	152,888	95	147	242	392	97	156	645
Jun-04	5,090	3,330.0	154,608	84	145	229	353	103	154	610
Jul-04	6,876	3,349.8	155,068	96	159	255	360	93	159	612
Aug-04	7,327	3,114.5	150,452	88	156	244	350	82	147	580
Sep-04	7,002	3,382.7	154,500	85	153	238	391	89	150	630
Oct-04	8,338	3,636.8	164,606	104	148	252	449	86	149	684
Nov-04	7,822	3,206.4	154,964	92	149	241	415	96	155	665
Dec-04	6,646	3,008.3	151,082	101	168	269	464	96	166	726
Jan-05	6,849	3,437.4	162,852	90	162	252	390	85	156	631
Feb-05	7,966	3,336.2	141,470	87	146	233	371	90	151	612
Mar-05	9,031	3,393.9	147,391	90	151	241	398	96	151	646
Apr-05	7,460	3,740.1	167,804	86	159	245	392	92	157	641
May-05	3,925	3,214.5	151,197	85	141	226	386	84	147	618
Jun-05	4,373	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 39,604	t 17,122	t 770,714	t 438	t 759	t 1,197	t 1,937	t 447	t 762	t 3,148
% change	-18.1	5.8	-0.9	-11.3	-0.8	-4.9	-0.3	-8.8	0.1	-1.3
Last 12 months	83,615	40,151	1,855,994	1,088	1,837	2,925	4,719	1,092	1,842	7,655
Previous 12	73,243	35,729	1,781,776	1,178	1,717	2,895	4,770	1,176	1,746	7,619
% change	14.2	12.4	4.2	-7.6	7.0	1.0	-1.1	-7.1	5.5	0.5
% ch. year ago	-14.1	3.9	-1.1	-10.5	-4.1	-6.6	-1.5	-13.4	-5.8	-4.2
% ch. prev mnth	11.4	-14.1	-9.9	-1.2	-11.3	-7.8	-1.5	-8.7	-6.4	-3.6

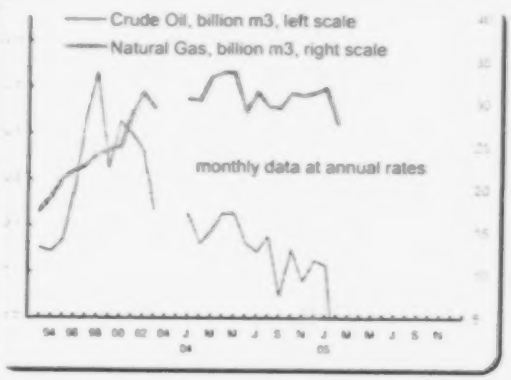


9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Statistics Canada (total) & Min. of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
Period	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW h
	Unadjusted											
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,006.0	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	22,821.7	24,397.0	248.3	6.3	68.0	8.0	21.7	652.7	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
2003	-	-	23,061.0	245.5	20.0	65.7	8.9	22.9	676.9	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,050,922
2004	-	-	27,082.0	239.9	2.3	44.7	9.5	20.1	593.3	-	-	60,595,613
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,897.0	19.6	2.0	8.0	0.8	1.5	36.6	2,449.3	181.6	6,305,368
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.0	18.7	1.5	7.2	0.7	1.6	47.6	2,211.7	160.1	5,415,832
Mar-03	-	-	1,965.0	20.2	1.6	0.4	0.8	2.1	77.1	2,507.3	167.0	5,452,418
Apr-03	-	-	1,992.0	20.7	1.7	6.7	0.8	1.8	54.8	2,544.6	175.2	4,399,687
May-03	-	-	2,124.0	21.3	1.8	6.7	0.6	2.0	56.8	2,567.7	193.1	4,373,885
Jun-03	-	-	1,781.0	18.7	1.4	6.6	0.7	2.1	45.5	2,419.6	184.9	4,296,546
Jul-03	-	-	1,768.0	20.4	1.8	2.9	0.6	1.6	49.3	2,311.8	183.3	5,246,845
Aug-03	-	-	1,478.0	21.8	1.6	6.3	0.7	2.2	65.2	2,524.6	182.9	5,339,448
Sep-03	-	-	1,943.0	20.8	1.9	6.0	0.9	2.3	73.3	2,443.4	181.8	4,806,675
Oct-03	-	-	2,125.0	21.6	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.6	46.5	2,525.4	193.0	4,959,737
Nov-03	-	-	2,121.0	18.8	1.5	3.9	0.8	1.9	57.6	2,447.0	182.8	5,960,032
Dec-03	-	-	1,868.0	22.8	1.9	10.8	0.8	2.5	66.6	2,531.0	182.5	6,494,449
Jan-04	-	-	1,721.0	15.2	-	-	0.7	0.9	32.5	2,548.7	179.4	6,694,914
Feb-04	-	-	2,137.0	17.3	-	-	0.8	1.1	38.0	2,535.2	168.5	5,443,423
Mar-04	-	-	2,452.0	20.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	2.0	62.9	2,759.0	173.2	4,945,324
Apr-04	-	-	2,465.0	20.0	0.1	11.6	0.9	2.3	65.5	2,801.1	179.4	4,513,015
May-04	-	-	2,445.0	18.8	0.4	6.7	0.8	1.9	50.4	2,806.2	179.6	4,384,434
Jun-04	-	-	2,197.0	19.5	0.4	3.2	0.7	1.6	46.3	2,422.0	168.7	4,135,339
Jul-04	-	-	2,267.0	19.6	0.1	6.1	1.0	1.3	30.7	2,614.3	165.6	5,161,783
Aug-04	-	-	2,179.0	19.3	-	-	0.7	1.5	36.6	2,471.6	171.2	4,984,243
Sep-04	-	-	2,328.0	20.2	0.3	7.0	0.7	1.9	60.0	2,459.6	149.4	4,060,909
Oct-04	-	-	2,474.0	20.6	-	3.3	0.8	2.2	54.8	2,598.6	166.5	4,669,500
Nov-04	-	-	2,344.0	24.2	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.9	64.7	2,578.8	154.9	5,353,623
Dec-04	-	-	2,073.0	24.4	0.4	3.5	0.7	1.5	50.9	2,606.2	162.6	6,249,106
Jan-05	-	-	1,849.0	17.9	-	3.2	0.6	1.0	40.4	2,651.0	160.8	6,482,183
Feb-05	-	-	2,111.0	19.5	0.6	3.5	0.7	1.3	49.5	2,310.3	121.8	5,420,323
Mar-05	-	-	2,301.0	25.4	0.5	5.7	0.6	1.4	34.4	-	-	4,992,145
Apr-05	-	-	2,204.0	24.1	0.2	4.6	0.7	1.4	48.1	-	-	4,823,613
May-05	-	-	-	22.4	0.2	4.6	0.9	1.1	38.9	-	-	-
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.8	t 8,465.0	t 109.3	t 1.5	t 21.6	t 3.4	t 6.1	t 211.3	t 4,961.3	t 282.6	t 21,718,264
% change	-10.2	5.5	-3.5	18.7	102.1	16.1	-17.6	-24.7	-15.2	-2.4	-18.8	0.6
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	26,772.0	257.1	3.0	47.7	8.8	18.1	555.3	31,078.7	1,953.7	60,717,201
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	23,983.0	237.0	12.1	55.3	9.4	22.3	653.3	29,906.3	2,174.4	63,074,293
% change	15.8	-8.3	11.6	8.5	-75.1	-13.7	-6.9	-19.2	-15.0	3.9	-10.1	-3.7
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	-10.6	19.1	-57.5	-31.3	6.0	-43.7	-22.8	-8.9	-27.7	6.9
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	-4.2	-7.1	0.0	0.0	32.8	-24.6	-19.1	-12.9	-24.3	-3.4

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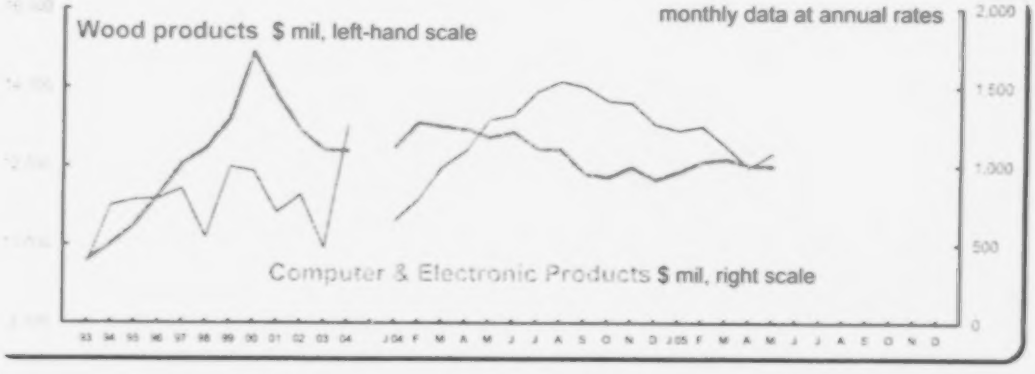
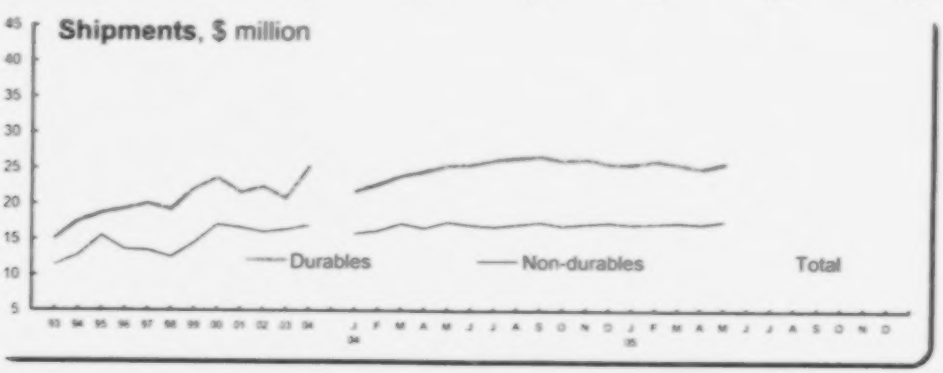
10 Manufacturing – Durables, NAICS based

Period	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2001	38,281,059	21,619,091	10,816,922	1,057,070	1,697,983	1,539,078	1,448,553	-	1,670,882
2002	38,498,922	22,438,355	11,269,596	1,268,304	1,714,105	1,684,598	1,223,672	-	1,564,813
2003	37,222,910	20,793,748	9,913,006	1,415,721	1,721,456	1,837,105	1,101,172	-	990,928
2004	42,249,383	25,251,583	13,011,985	1,570,582	2,030,792	2,131,413	1,095,016	-	1,060,387
Jan-03	3,164,967	1,805,828	848,232	122,349	147,252	152,120	81,985	-	91,364
Feb-03	3,114,221	1,803,605	854,947	124,028	150,738	159,093	81,532	-	82,947
Mar-03	3,101,344	1,727,907	819,369	119,359	142,397	150,844	73,327	-	85,823
Apr-03	3,077,958	1,708,788	787,026	116,132	140,266	150,711	97,091	-	84,002
May-03	3,015,018	1,671,370	765,498	113,902	139,050	154,895	91,238	-	78,688
Jun-03	3,001,714	1,689,198	783,494	114,034	141,644	147,459	85,899	-	77,791
Jul-03	3,084,801	1,752,470	821,608	110,606	138,119	153,452	99,550	-	78,314
Aug-03	3,122,837	1,771,393	832,612	110,366	136,967	159,425	102,097	-	75,893
Sep-03	3,230,285	1,867,294	876,807	120,488	160,765	150,932	106,773	-	87,863
Oct-03	3,109,195	1,801,871	844,691	114,954	140,173	156,487	100,837	-	81,295
Nov-03	3,130,404	1,822,107	864,059	120,449	137,503	157,331	98,763	-	83,434
Dec-03	3,078,202	1,763,039	817,629	128,709	148,359	144,978	82,669	-	82,873
Jan-04	3,139,030	1,817,132	883,502	124,938	140,278	162,475	93,293	-	92,796
Feb-04	3,248,100	1,895,010	927,563	131,360	152,267	159,642	106,117	-	84,662
Mar-04	3,432,322	1,994,141	996,736	130,608	160,410	167,951	104,074	-	93,553
Apr-04	3,434,877	2,046,807	1,032,633	130,168	164,084	169,156	102,572	-	83,093
May-04	3,579,167	2,119,780	1,097,551	122,781	170,350	172,029	98,301	-	91,674
Jun-04	3,549,809	2,127,933	1,107,156	125,889	166,999	172,614	101,204	-	86,974
Jul-04	3,584,476	2,181,628	1,157,325	124,235	167,477	197,510	92,331	-	81,878
Aug-04	3,636,166	2,206,071	1,179,040	123,029	173,207	186,636	92,045	-	88,291
Sep-04	3,679,992	2,226,189	1,167,115	130,722	183 183	190,313	79,264	-	90,305
Oct-04	3,587,451	2,175,087	1,137,151	135,440	179,123	180,795	77,350	-	95,272
Nov-04	3,633,255	2,194,898	1,132,729	143,620	183,673	183,419	82,625	-	88,346
Dec-04	3,585,495	2,135,242	1,087,849	142,413	180,156	187,403	75,949	-	79,692
Jan-05	3,562,506	2,134,532	1,075,555	131,233	191,954	201,589	80,450	-	90,011
Feb-05	3,614,021	2,170,829	1,083,432	143,670	192,281	185,888	85,641	-	82,080
Mar-05	3,582,628	2,132,129	1,041,616	148,344	186,895	195,799	87,077	-	90,867
Apr-05	3,514,955	2,081,690	996,100	142,692	184,510	194,329	83,681	-	90,290
May-05	3,602,652	2,137,536	1,027,811	152,826	184,932	212,319	83,262	-	91,368
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 17,876,762	t 10,656,716	t 5,224,514	t 718,765	t 940,572	t 989,924	t 420,111	t 0	t 444,616
% change	6.2	7.9	5.8	12.3	19.5	19.1	-16.7	0.0	-0.3
Last 12 months	43,133,406	25,903,764	13,192,879	1,644,113	2,174,390	2,288,614	1,020,879	0	1,055,374
Previous 12	38,590,934	22,340,242	10,778,885	1,459,461	1,790,919	1,901,317	1,180,945	0	1,013,241
% change	11.8	16.0	22.4	12.7	21.4	20.4	-13.6	0.0	4.2
% ch. year ago	0.7	0.8	-6.4	24.5	8.6	23.4	-15.3	0.0	-0.3
% ch. prev mnth	2.5	2.7	3.2	7.1	0.2	9.3	-0.5	0.0	1.2



11 Manufacturing – Non-Durables, NAICS based

	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
2001	16,661,964	4,504,561	992,470	6,264,089	908,529	-	1,000,572	1,051,738
2002	16,060,566	4,725,249	1,087,141	5,497,354	828,868	-	1,016,553	1,054,264
2003	16,429,161	4,889,680	1,091,227	5,651,945	758,499	-	1,083,911	1,155,869
2004	16,997,799	5,023,079	1,129,515	5,875,939	779,385	-	1,269,970	1,142,016
Jan-03	1,359,139	422,828	96,107	474,258	64,092	-	90,343	93,212
Feb-03	1,310,616	404,816	91,314	437,486	64,376	-	93,025	96,900
Mar-03	1,373,437	407,343	90,549	503,421	61,437	-	88,018	96,742
Apr-03	1,369,170	409,493	90,356	493,698	59,123	-	98,169	95,853
May-03	1,343,648	397,871	95,027	486,279	58,329	-	91,857	97,108
Jun-03	1,312,516	401,080	89,283	459,710	63,011	-	86,500	100,325
Jul-03	1,332,331	409,401	84,762	470,456	60,696	-	89,356	101,010
Aug-03	1,351,444	407,509	87,981	478,760	73,482	-	92,420	95,943
Sep-03	1,362,991	411,263	90,344	497,849	63,947	-	88,287	94,718
Oct-03	1,307,324	408,216	96,176	442,615	61,903	-	86,386	96,182
Nov-03	1,308,297	406,167	88,030	448,053	64,497	-	91,309	94,456
Dec-03	1,315,163	402,826	92,630	459,360	63,535	-	89,655	93,890
Jan-04	1,321,898	412,249	93,619	435,968	59,535	-	88,490	91,308
Feb-04	1,353,090	406,961	93,618	464,758	60,324	-	90,087	97,267
Mar-04	1,438,181	414,487	96,015	525,889	61,388	-	92,989	96,456
Apr-04	1,388,070	404,158	96,916	471,237	62,990	-	103,461	94,895
May-04	1,459,387	404,991	91,919	552,154	62,735	-	105,011	87,795
Jun-04	1,421,876	406,056	92,267	517,195	64,914	-	110,402	88,695
Jul-04	1,402,848	407,340	91,411	493,422	64,333	-	109,085	95,391
Aug-04	1,430,095	424,087	91,150	496,665	69,573	-	107,249	96,838
Sep-04	1,453,803	429,723	95,590	501,032	69,546	-	110,992	99,110
Oct-04	1,412,364	427,514	93,548	462,606	67,053	-	114,842	98,711
Nov-04	1,438,357	440,779	95,252	465,844	66,926	-	114,909	98,387
Dec-04	1,450,253	433,133	96,269	489,169	62,974	-	116,010	98,456
Jan-05	1,427,974	443,724	94,256	456,157	67,460	-	107,862	102,877
Feb-05	1,443,192	445,044	100,197	454,059	67,010	-	121,299	104,185
Mar-05	1,450,499	444,185	101,684	485,278	68,023	-	116,991	100,845
Apr-05	1,433,265	440,542	96,100	463,689	71,396	-	111,809	106,142
May-05	1,465,116	446,951	104,139	481,900	72,529	-	110,514	98,752
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(1-st, 8-avg) YTD	t 7,220,046	t 2,220,446	t 496,376	t 2,341,083	t 346,418	t 0	t 566,475	t 512,801
% change	3.7	8.7	5.1	-4.4	12.9	0.0	18.4	9.6
Last 12 months	17,229,642	5,189,077	1,151,863	5,767,016	811,737	0	1,351,964	1,188,389
Previous 12	16,250,692	4,889,306	1,101,293	5,706,809	758,023	0	1,102,951	1,144,245
% change	6.0	6.1	4.6	1.1	7.1	0.0	22.6	3.9
% ch. year ago	0.4	10.4	13.3	-12.7	15.6	0.0	5.2	12.5
% ch. prev mnth	2.2	1.5	8.4	3.9	1.6	0.0	-1.2	-7.0



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,721	2,518
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
2004	70,289	3,283	73,574	233,809	7,986	11,181	3,797	2,572
Jan-03	4,684	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,478	271	5,750	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	4,919	238	5,156	19,895	715	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	5,136	287	5,423	19,217	784	1,650	492	388
Sep-03	5,131	266	5,397	18,472	636	948	334	227
Oct-03	6,493	264	6,757	19,606	636	833	296	209
Nov-03	6,096	268	6,364	18,614	524	647	239	112
Dec-03	5,901	239	6,140	19,235	626	688	235	138
Jan-04	4,971	277	5,249	17,140	552	556	207	96
Feb-04	5,155	262	5,417	17,999	571	620	232	117
Mar-04	6,045	267	6,312	20,772	619	771	278	167
Apr-04	5,499	240	5,739	18,801	606	862	305	209
May-04	6,725	295	7,020	19,659	666	965	319	241
Jun-04	6,522	299	6,821	20,993	705	993	333	240
Jul-04	5,550	270	5,819	22,369	794	1,450	442	386
Aug-04	6,175	300	6,475	19,347	831	1,560	477	381
Sep-04	5,155	288	5,444	19,580	711	1,025	356	260
Oct-04	6,523	247	6,770	19,898	680	905	311	207
Nov-04	5,703	285	5,989	18,692	569	660	250	121
Dec-04	6,266	253	6,519	18,559	683	814	287	147
Jan-05	5,592	275	5,866	16,061	627	539	204	96
Feb-05	6,110	279	6,388	16,321	605	602	228	121
Mar-05	6,023	291	6,313	18,594	674	842	297	194
Apr-05	-	-	-	17,948	614	790	292	182
May-05	-	-	-	17,571	692	985	330	255
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	1,017	345	255
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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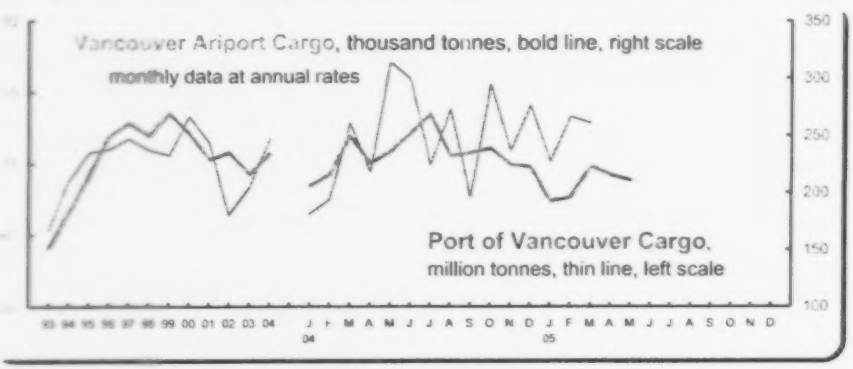
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 17,725	t 845	t 18,567	t 86,495	t 3,212	t 4,775	t 1,696	t 1,102
% change	9.6	4.8	9.4	-8.3	6.6	0.2	1.3	3.0
Last 12 months	71,843	3,322	75,163	225,933	8,184	11,189	3,819	2,604
Previous 12	65,468	3,221	68,690	226,335	7,553	10,916	3,701	2,499
% change	9.7	3.1	9.4	-0.2	8.4	2.5	3.2	4.2
% ch year ago	-0.4	9.0	0.0	-10.6	3.9	2.4	3.6	6.1
% ch prev mnth	-1.4	4.3	-1.2	-2.1	12.7	3.2	4.5	-0.2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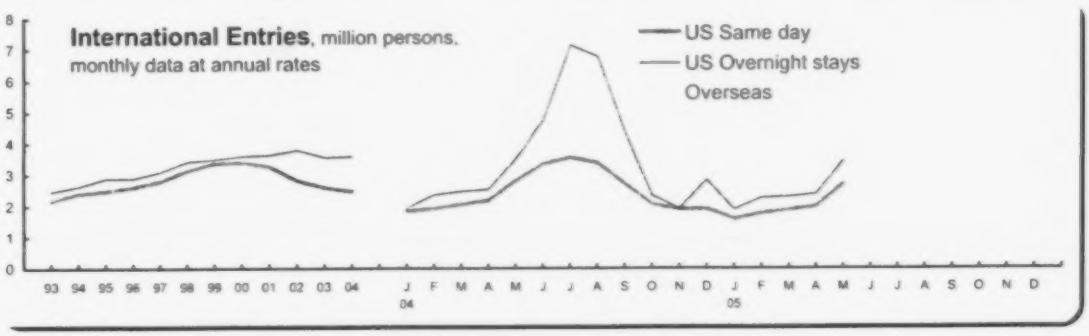
13 Service Sector – Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS

Period	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Internti
	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,808,063	3,787,823	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	58.9	107,107	256,945	1,506,188	3,855	3,600
2003	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
2004	2,467,994	3,571,101	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.5	104,551	249,553	1,592,119	3,965	3,775
Jan-03	182,091	182,462	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.1	1,525	14,300	129,721	292	289
Feb-03	166,881	210,112	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.3	4,125	23,500	130,794	277	240
Mar-03	171,047	203,096	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.8	18,947	23,200	123,655	314	274
Apr-03	183,054	195,417	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.7	9,239	14,790	120,193	244	203
May-03	234,763	286,647	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.2	13,589	19,050	120,974	299	200
Jun-03	265,979	395,933	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,769	20,100	117,627	366	249
Jul-03	300,416	561,027	861,443	163,394	1,024,837	71.2	1,530	2,490	118,563	453	314
Aug-03	321,846	625,664	947,510	171,241	1,118,751	79.2	828	20,000	124,889	482	375
Sep-03	236,533	315,978	552,511	137,493	690,004	66.8	10,223	20,400	119,898	321	312
Oct-03	178,405	193,284	371,689	82,542	454,231	56.7	29,509	27,754	125,828	248	276
Nov-03	172,458	161,031	333,489	59,676	393,165	48.1	8,557	10,804	125,623	233	229
Dec-03	167,223	226,093	393,316	87,208	480,524	43.9	834	1,000	128,917	285	279
Jan-04	152,888	161,360	314,248	72,760	387,008	45.2	1,872	8,678	129,859	289	295
Feb-04	160,414	195,702	356,116	71,414	427,530	55.3	16,716	10,940	130,422	286	249
Mar-04	171,802	205,608	377,410	78,220	455,630	61.1	12,755	57,100	128,409	320	280
Apr-04	180,945	210,875	391,820	87,463	479,283	60.0	4,842	37,000	132,633	291	271
May-04	233,539	290,863	524,402	139,800	664,202	64.5	12,522	32,400	131,943	320	319
Jun-04	278,468	397,347	675,815	169,481	845,296	69.9	10,893	17,009	132,894	373	355
Jul-04	295,574	594,325	889,899	206,851	1,096,750	77.3	4,582	7,200	134,202	453	397
Aug-04	282,366	564,277	846,643	181,621	1,028,264	77.7	2,800	12,500	129,427	474	421
Sep-04	225,481	362,227	587,708	159,323	747,031	72.3	6,272	20,760	135,370	345	358
Oct-04	170,695	194,714	365,409	94,030	459,439	58.7	26,572	13,800	133,628	265	302
Nov-04	157,896	158,592	316,488	59,092	375,580	49.3	3,524	7,866	135,050	248	238
Dec-04	157,926	235,211	393,137	88,599	481,736	46.6	1,201	24,300	138,283	299	290
Jan-05	131,560	156,325	287,885	72,030	359,915	45.3	3,655	11,800	135,054	314	307
Feb-05	146,726	187,966	334,692	75,675	410,367	57.6	6,517	9,300	135,963	288	265
Mar-05	155,995	190,677	346,672	90,157	436,829	61.8	6,628	42,375	-	349	297
Apr-05	164,877	197,123	362,000	88,017	450,017	63.8	11,766	21,400	-	298	302
May-05	223,119	285,885	509,004	148,381	657,385	68.5	12,320	17,115	-	346	338
Jun-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 822,277	t 1,017,976	t 1,840,253	t 474,260	t 2,314,513	a 59.4	t 40,886	t 101,990	t 271,017	t 1,595	t 1,509
% change	-8.6	-4.4	-6.3	5.5	-4.1	3.8	-16.1	-30.2	4.1	5.9	6.6
Last 12 months	2,390,683	3,524,669	5,915,352	1,433,257	7,348,609	62.4	96,730	205,425	1,602,856	4,053	3,869
Previous 12	2,542,448	3,543,418	6,085,866	1,273,068	7,358,934	59.6	108,957	248,666	1,486,448	3,894	3,449
% change	-6.0	-0.5	-2.8	12.6	-0.1	4.8	-11.2	-17.4	7.8	4.1	12.2
% ch. year ago	-4.5	-1.7	-2.9	6.1	-1.0	6.2	-1.6	-47.2	4.2	8.1	6.0
% ch. prev mnth	35.3	45.0	40.6	88.6	46.1	7.4	4.7	-20.0	0.7	16.2	11.9



14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	87.04
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	92.47
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	9,021.5	6,983.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
Jul-03	9,233.8	7,257.9	3.25	4.75	6.20	4.55	1.04	1.3815	88.16
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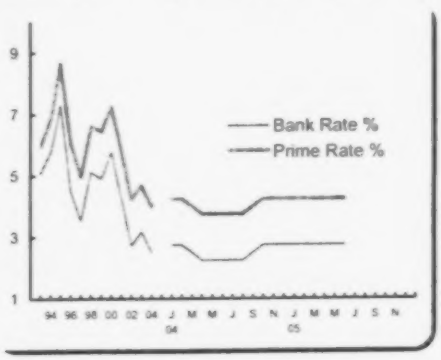

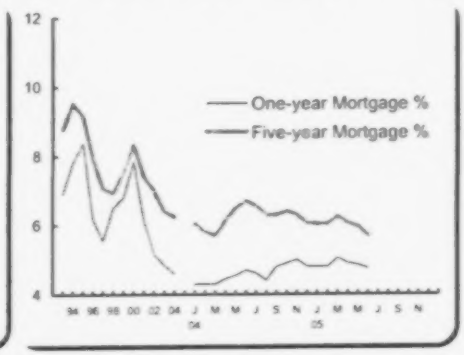

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Skiing in Whistler

Whistler is one of the most popular ski destinations in British Columbia. With two ski areas (Blackcomb Mountain and Whistler Mountain) combined, Whistler resort provides 33 lifts and over two hundred runs to skiers.

Whistler's history stretches back to the 1860s when Whistler Mountain was first named London Mountain by some British naval officers. The name "Whistler" was then used by settlers in the 1900s because of the whistling sound made by marmots in the area. Historically, Whistler was considered a summer resort destination (due to its abundant fish stocks) long before it became a winter one.

Top Resort in the Province

Whistler-Blackcomb Mountain was developed as a ski resort in the 1960s & '70s,[1] and since then has become a favourite among skiers from all over the world. It is recognized as a top ski resort by both domestic and foreign travellers. In 2003, Skiing Magazine[2] voted Whistler Blackcomb the "Number One Ski Resort in North America". As a matter of fact, Whistler urban centre[3] receives the second highest accommodation room revenues across the 30 BC urban centres reported by BC Stats. In 2004, Whistler took in $178.3 million in accommodation room revenues, second only to downtown Vancouver ($407.5 million). In 2004, Whistler contributed 21% of the total accommodation room revenue in Mainland Southwest Development Region, and 11% of the provincial total.

Whistler is also the second most profitable among the 30 urban centres across BC. The annual revenue per room in Whistler averaged $24,068 in 2004, over $8,000 more than the provincial average ($15,864).[4] The difference roughly implies the location premium that Whistler accommodation operators are able to charge. The average annual revenue per room in downtown Vancouver, where many high-end hotels are located, was the highest in BC, reaching over $30,000 in 2004.

More Skiing in Canada

According to the Canadian Ski Council, more and more skiers are attracted by Whistler and other BC ski resorts for world-class skiing experiences. In the 2003/04 ski season, BC[5] hosted 6.1 million alpine ski and snow board visits[6], 10.3% more than the 2002/03 ski season.

BC's ski resorts accommodated 31% of the total skier visits in Canada, increasing from 29% ten years ago. Quebec is the most popular region in Canada for skiers, with 35% of the visits in the 2003/04.

After September 11th, US skier visits and off-shore visits to Canada slumped more than 31.4% from 4.7 million in 2001/02 to 3.2 million in the 2003/04 season.

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[1] Whistler Mountain opened in 1966; Blackcomb Mountain opened in 1980

[2] www.skiingmag.com

[3] BC Stats' definition

[4] Annual revenue per room is a rough indicator of accommodation properties' profitability in a region. It takes both room rates and vacancy rates into consideration. This ratio (total revenues/number of rooms) should not be used as an implication of room rates.

[5] www.canadianskicouncil.org; BC includes BC, Yukon & Heli-Ski operations

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Quebec & BC, Most Popular Destinations

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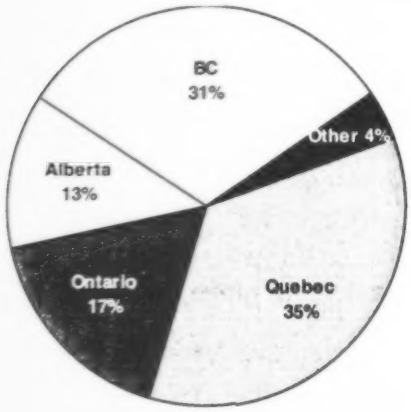

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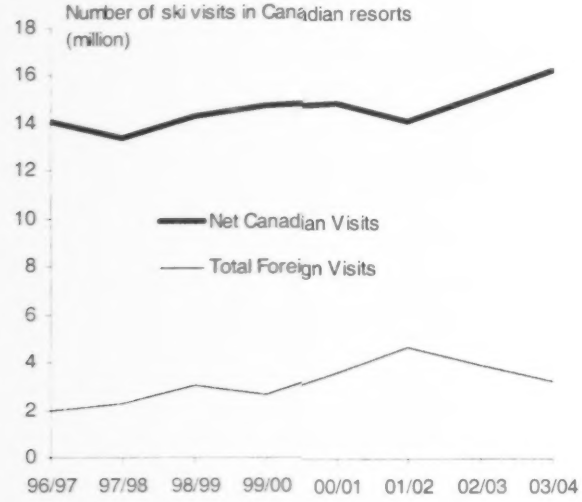

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Whistler in 2004

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Monthly Room Revenue in Whistler

Data Source: BC Stats

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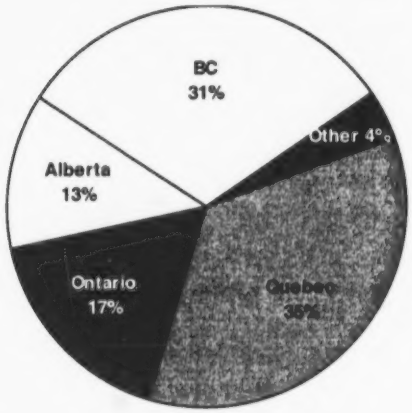

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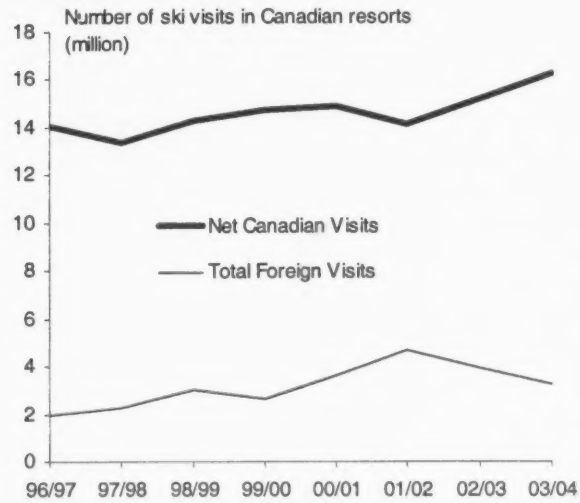

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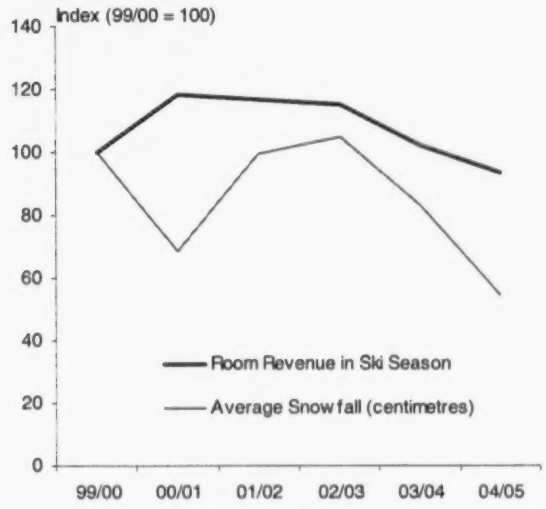

Data Source: Tourism Whistler & BC Stats

Other factors such as accommodation and ski facility development in the resort and weather conditions in competing resorts might also have affected skier visits and room revenue in Whistler. But a correlation between ski season room revenue and snowfall can be clearly observed from the above chart, with the exception of the millennium year.

On the other hand, it seems that Whistler resort is attracting more visitors during the summer months. In 2004 off-season months (May to November), room revenue totalled $51.0 million, up 12.0% over the 2003 level. This partially offset the slowdown in the ski season.

Winter vs. Summer in Whistler

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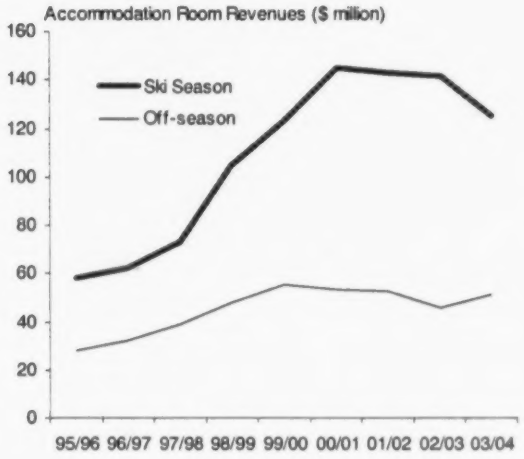


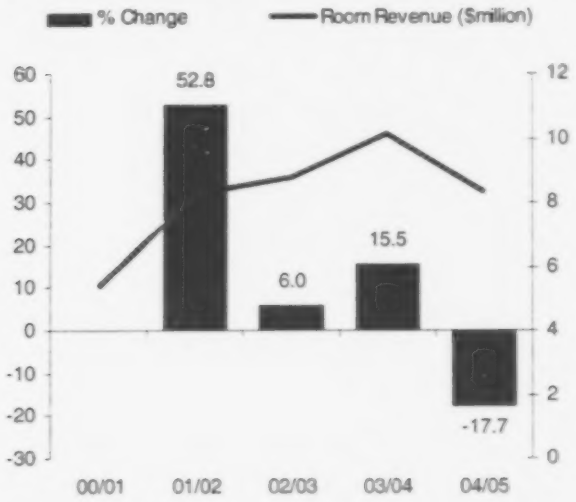
Competition and Outlook

According to the Canadian Ski Council, there are about 70 ski areas in the province. Some of them have already gained domestic and international attention by offering world-class skiing experiences.

For example, among BC Stats' reporting urban centres, Fernie alpine resort is another ski resort where ski season room revenue was 150% more than its off-season receipts. Fernie alpine resort was ranked by Skiing Magazine as the 10th best ski resort in North America.

Although Fernie alpine resort's accommodation revenue was less than one tenth of the revenue in Whistler, Fernie is growing by leaps and bounds. During the period from 2000/01 to 2003/04, Fernie's room revenue in the ski season almost doubled to more than $10 million.

Ski Season Room Revenue in Fernie



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Another challenge for the Whistler resort is weather condition. Although not much can be done about the lack of snowfall in winter, promoting summer activities and turning Whistler into a year-round resort is a good strategy to make full use of the existing tourism capacity.

Of course, Whistler has a huge opportunity ahead of it–the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. According to the Canadian Tourism Commission, past Olympics have proven to significantly benefit the region that hosts the Games. As 2010 approaches, Whistler will certainly see more tourism-related investment, tourism businesses and visitors, all of which will boost the local tourism sector.

Appendix

List of Ski Areas in British Columbia

Apex Mountain Resort	Little Mac Ski Hill	Salmo Ski Area
Bear Mountain Ski Resort	Mad River Nordic Ski Enterprises Inc.	Selkirk Tangiers Helicopter Skiing Ltd.
Big Bam Ski Club	Manning Park Resort	Selkirk Wilderness Skiing Ltd.
Big White Ski Resort Ltd.	Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing	Shames Mountain Ski Corporation
Callaghan Country Wilderness Adventures	Morning Mountain	Silver Star Ski Resort
Crystal Mountain Resorts Ltd.	Mount Cain Alpine Park Society	Ski & Ride Smithers
Cypress Mountain	Mount Mackenzie Ski Area	Sno Much Fun Cat Skiing
Dawson Creek Ski & Recreation Association	Mount Seymour	Snowpatch Ski Society
Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Ltd	Mount Timothy Ski Society	Soft Trax
Fernie Alpine Resort	Mount Washington Alpine Resort	Summit Lake Ski Area
Forbidden Plateau	Mt Arrowsmith Ski & Park	Sun Peaks Resort
Garibaldi Alpen Resorts (1996) Ltd	Mt. Baldy Ski Area	Sunset Ridge Ski Society
Great Canadian Heliskiing Ltd.	Murray Ridge Ski Area	Tabor Mountain Ski Resort Ltd.
Grouse Mountain Resorts Ltd.	Panorama Mountain Village	The Clearwater Ski Club
Harper Mountain	Phoenix Mountain Alpine Ski Society	The Hills Health Ranch
Hart Highlands Winter Club	Powder King Mountain Resort	Troll Ski Resort
Hell's Gate Airtram Inc.	Powder Mountain Snowcats Ltd.	Tweedsmuir Ski Club
Hemlock Valley Resorts Inc.	Powder Springs Resort	Tyax Lodge Heli-Skiing
Hudson's Hope Ski Association	Purcell Helicopter Skiing Ltd.	Wapiti Ski Club
Interior Alpine Recreation Ltd.	Purden Ski Village	Whistler Blackcomb
Kicking Horse Mountain Resort	R.K. Heli-Ski Panorama Inc.	Whistler Cross-Country Ski Trails
Kimberley Alpine Resort	Red Resort	Whitetooth Ski Area
Klondike Heliskiing	Retallack Alpine Adventures Ltd.	Whitewater Ski Resort Ltd.
Kootenay Helicopter Skiing		

Source: Canadian Ski Council

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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted
Ave: average
bd ft: board feet
C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen
Can: Canada, Canadian
GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9
m3: cubic metres
mil: million
MLS: Multiple Listing Service
Moly: molybdenum
mth: month (as in: previous mth)
NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System
SA: seasonally adjusted
T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange
US: United States of America
WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada

Period	Labour Force Activity: Labour Force	Labour Force Activity: Employed	Labour Force Activity: Unemployment Rate	Labour Force Activity: Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Earnings: Wages and Salaries	Earnings: Average Weekly Wage Rate	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: Number of Beneficiaries	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: $
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2001	2,082.3	1,922.1	7.7	64.0	32.2	61,495.9	648.13	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,143.8	1,960.1	8.6	65.0	32.0	63,192.7	668.15	817,850	1,073,203.5
2003	2,190.5	2,014.2	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,310.1	683.82	813,520	1,059,531.1
2004	2,219.2	2,059.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	68,101.6	686.61	737,780	960,359.7
Jan-03	2,153.1	1,981.9	8.0	64.8	32.3	5,427.1	682.07	80,200	108,603.0
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Apr-03	2,183.5	2,008.8	8.0	65.5	28.9	5,405.2	679.75	71,440	86,968.3
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Jan-05	2,236.9	2,091.7	6.5	65.4	32.9	5,779.5	708.09	73,320	105,871.9
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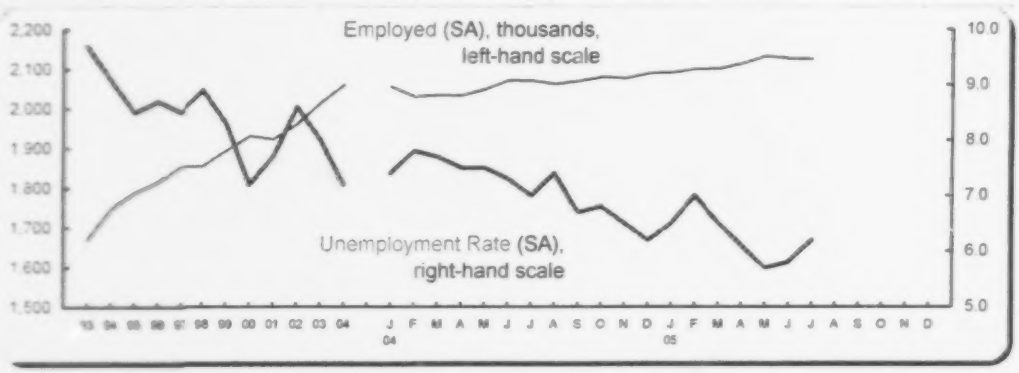
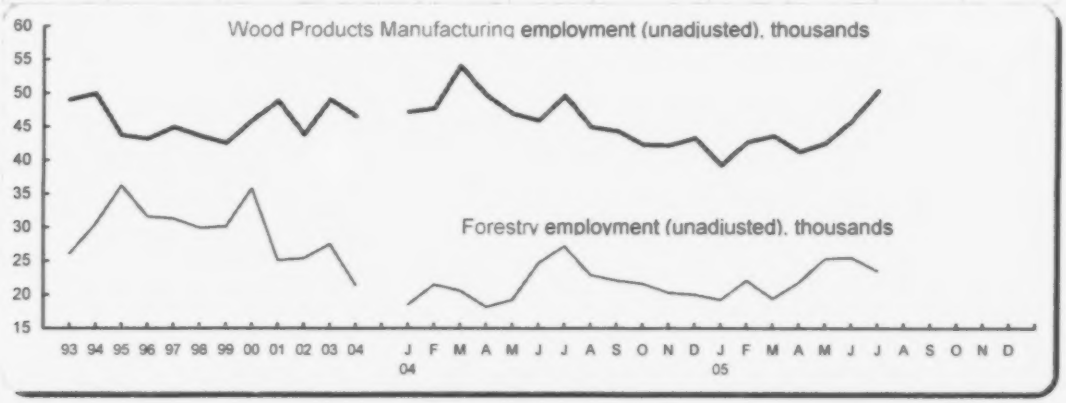
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,254.0	a 2,112.9	a 6.3	a 65.6	a 33.4	t 35,416.1	a 701.30	a 59,587	t 473.6
% change	1.6	3.1	n/a	n/a	2.8	5.0	3.3	-12.6	-12.0
Last 12 months	2,242.0	2,097.3	6.5	65.5	32.8	69,788.4	699.70	57,182	895,488.4
Previous 12	2,211.8	2,041.9	7.7	65.7	32.0	66,590.2	681.19	66,025	1,030,328.5
% change	1.4	2.7	n/a	n/a	2.6	4.8	2.7	-13.4	-13.1
% ch. year ago	1.6	2.7	n/a	n/a	-0.9	5.9	2.5	-14.1	-14.4
% ch. prev mnth	0.4	0.0	n/a	n/a	-5.9	0.8	-0.4	-11.4	-27.9



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

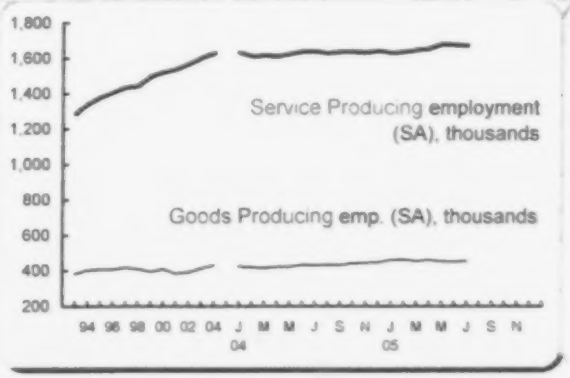
Period	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2001	383.9	25.8	25.1	4.8	11.4	10.9	110.8	22.1	48.8	15.0	195.1
2002	392.3	29.6	25.4	3.1	9.2	11.3	117.4	23.6	43.8	17.0	196.4
2003	411.7	32.3	27.5	4.5	13.2	11.1	117.4	27.0	49.0	14.4	205.7
2004	431.0	36.7	21.4	2.9	11.0	9.0	141.7	25.3	46.5	11.9	208.4
Jan-03	404.6	31.6	27.8	5.2	7.4	11.3	115.1	24.6	45.5	17.9	202.6
Feb-03	409.7	33.1	27.7	3.7	11.5	12.0	115.8	25.5	50.1	15.4	204.1
Mar-03	424.4	34.7	27.2	3.8	14.7	12.6	121.5	22.2	51.4	15.5	208.2
Apr-03	408.9	32.4	26.0	1.9	13.8	11.6	110.3	24.0	50.3	14.6	206.8
May-03	413.9	31.9	26.2	2.4	18.0	11.3	113.9	24.5	53.4	14.7	208.6
Jun-03	411.3	30.5	28.6	4.5	14.5	11.1	116.3	25.3	51.8	17.0	206.3
Jul-03	412.4	31.2	32.9	4.2	15.7	10.6	117.7	26.5	50.2	16.1	205.4
Aug-03	408.0	32.2	27.7	6.2	11.3	10.8	117.1	28.9	46.5	15.2	206.3
Sep-03	407.6	31.4	28.9	5.6	12.7	10.8	116.9	27.6	43.9	12.7	203.8
Oct-03	415.6	31.9	28.1	6.5	15.1	10.9	119.8	32.3	48.5	12.9	206.3
Nov-03	413.8	35.1	25.4	6.3	10.5	10.8	121.3	30.8	50.2	11.4	204.5
Dec-03	411.3	32.8	23.3	3.8	12.7	9.4	122.4	31.8	46.5	9.5	206.1
Jan-04	425.2	35.6	18.5	5.0	10.8	9.2	131.8	36.3	47.2	10.5	211.3
Feb-04	419.6	36.5	21.5	3.2	11.1	8.3	126.4	27.6	47.7	10.9	211.0
Mar-04	415.6	35.3	20.6	3.0	8.9	9.4	131.2	24.3	54.0	9.4	205.9
Apr-04	422.7	37.0	18.2	2.7	8.4	10.0	134.6	23.7	49.6	10.3	207.5
May-04	423.0	39.3	19.2	3.5	10.2	10.4	134.0	22.6	46.9	14.2	205.3
Jun-04	433.2	39.3	24.7	2.9	10.1	10.4	141.1	21.7	45.9	14.5	205.2
Jul-04	431.5	37.1	27.2	2.5	9.8	9.1	140.5	18.5	49.6	13.4	209.5
Aug-04	433.3	36.1	22.9	3.6	10.5	10.1	143.2	22.1	44.9	11.8	209.6
Sep-04	432.7	33.3	22.1	2.5	11.0	8.5	148.3	22.2	44.3	11.3	208.9
Oct-04	442.6	37.4	21.6	2.4	13.0	8.0	153.7	26.8	42.3	12.7	208.7
Nov-04	443.8	35.4	20.3	1.6	13.3	7.1	155.6	29.3	42.2	11.2	210.5
Dec-04	448.1	38.8	20.0	2.6	14.9	7.5	156.8	28.4	43.3	13.2	208.2
Jan-05	460.4	40.6	19.2	-	13.8	8.0	166.2	33.0	39.2	12.5	208.8
Feb-05	463.1	41.8	22.1	1.6	12.6	9.3	168.9	33.2	42.7	12.5	205.6
Mar-05	454.0	41.3	19.4	-	14.5	10.1	168.2	30.2	43.6	12.9	198.5
Apr-05	459.9	42.6	21.8	-	12.0	10.3	173.0	26.7	41.2	13.8	194.1
May-05	452.7	38.8	25.3	3.0	12.5	12.8	166.0	27.4	42.5	13.7	193.6
Jun-05	450.3	40.7	25.5	4.9	12.9	13.3	164.0	24.7	45.8	11.0	190.4
Jul-05	454.2	43.2	23.5	2.1	14.3	12.8	164.0	30.4	50.3	12.3	198.8
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 456.4	a 41.3	a 22.4	a 1.7	a 13.2	a 10.9	a 167.2	a 29.4	a 43.6	a 12.7	a 198.5
% change	7.5	11.1	4.6	-49.1	33.6	14.7	24.6	17.7	-10.4	6.6	-4.5
Last 12 months	449.6	39.2	22.0	2.0	12.9	9.8	160.7	27.9	43.5	12.4	203.0
Previous 12	418.9	35.3	23.6	4.3	11.0	10.0	128.1	27.2	48.0	12.1	206.9
% change	7.3	11.0	-6.9	-52.5	18.0	-1.4	25.4	2.5	-9.4	2.8	-1.9
% ch. year ago	5.3	16.4	-13.6	-16.0	45.9	40.7	16.7	64.3	1.4	-8.2	-5.1
% ch prev mnth	0.9	6.1	-7.8	-57.1	10.9	-3.8	0.0	23.1	9.8	11.8	4.4

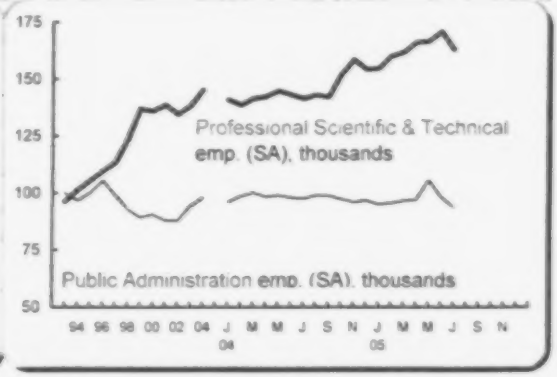


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2001	1,538.2	304.0	112.6	122.1	138.6	138.4	197.9	105.3	164.2	68.0
2002	1,567.9	323.4	112.2	125.7	134.5	137.5	211.6	105.8	162.4	87.8
2003	1,602.5	329.5	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.4	213.5	107.1	161.9	94.1
2004	1,628.7	320.6	117.7	131.5	145.2	135.1	219.5	111.4	174.8	97.9
Jan-03	1,577.3	338.8	117.3	128.7	130.5	142.9	206.0	101.2	157.3	89.0
Feb-03	1,584.3	333.3	117.8	128.8	130.5	144.5	213.5	100.5	156.4	93.2
Mar-03	1,588.8	328.3	120.4	128.1	134.4	146.9	211.6	101.3	159.7	88.4
Apr-03	1,600.0	332.1	120.6	129.9	134.0	141.8	215.4	106.6	157.3	89.1
May-03	1,585.0	325.3	120.9	122.9	131.9	141.1	215.1	110.1	156.6	90.3
Jun-03	1,588.5	326.0	115.9	126.8	134.2	137.0	216.9	107.5	159.5	94.4
Jul-03	1,596.7	324.5	113.8	124.4	141.4	140.3	214.1	109.3	160.8	97.8
Aug-03	1,603.8	325.4	119.1	122.9	145.3	140.3	210.3	107.4	165.3	94.1
Sep-03	1,605.7	331.4	114.4	123.9	143.7	131.9	211.2	112.2	167.5	96.0
Oct-03	1,625.9	330.9	117.4	125.4	145.0	140.8	213.6	108.9	166.6	99.6
Nov-03	1,623.9	328.3	119.9	127.2	143.2	136.9	214.5	108.1	166.5	98.4
Dec-03	1,645.8	328.5	123.5	126.4	143.8	139.3	220.0	110.7	169.3	97.4
Jan-04	1,629.6	339.6	119.7	128.2	140.8	138.7	215.6	109.1	163.6	95.9
Feb-04	1,610.6	325.5	116.3	124.4	138.5	137.3	212.5	111.7	168.3	98.6
Mar-04	1,617.9	331.2	112.9	129.8	141.5	132.4	220.7	108.3	168.3	100.1
Apr-04	1,610.4	320.0	117.0	131.7	142.4	132.4	218.6	105.4	173.3	98.3
May-04	1,625.3	322.8	117.9	131.8	144.8	136.9	217.2	104.7	170.7	98.9
Jun-04	1,637.9	321.3	123.1	129.9	143.0	137.0	224.4	112.3	176.5	97.9
Jul-04	1,638.9	324.6	124.4	127.9	141.5	134.9	221.6	113.0	177.7	97.6
Aug-04	1,628.8	316.4	118.3	138.5	143.0	128.1	218.5	116.6	177.0	99.0
Sep-04	1,636.7	314.2	118.0	132.3	142.2	138.6	226.3	115.1	178.2	98.8
Oct-04	1,636.8	311.4	118.3	134.3	152.0	135.0	217.7	115.7	179.4	97.3
Nov-04	1,633.0	310.3	113.3	133.1	158.5	136.2	218.4	111.4	181.6	96.0
Dec-04	1,641.3	311.9	113.0	136.1	154.3	133.2	222.7	112.8	182.7	96.7
Jan-05	1,631.2	318.8	115.0	131.0	154.8	134.1	215.6	109.5	178.4	95.0
Feb-05	1,636.8	322.4	114.5	133.2	160.1	138.5	216.3	105.3	166.0	95.6
Mar-05	1,647.0	327.6	114.9	139.9	161.9	138.7	212.6	98.6	166.9	96.6
Apr-05	1,654.3	322.3	111.5	136.5	166.3	146.2	210.5	99.7	178.1	96.9
May-05	1,679.2	328.9	118.3	139.6	166.6	148.6	205.2	97.0	180.1	105.6
Jun-05	1,675.9	322.2	116.7	143.2	170.8	152.6	204.9	107.9	174.7	98.2
Jul-05	1,670.9	321.6	125.8	139.3	163.0	155.3	208.6	104.0	160.6	93.8
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,656.5	a 323.4	a 116.7	a 137.5	a 163.4	a 144.9	a 210.5	a 103.1	a 175.0	a 97.4
% change	2.0	-0.9	-1.8	6.5	15.2	6.8	-3.7	-5.6	2.2	-0.8
Last 12 months	1,647.7	319.0	116.5	136.4	157.8	140.4	214.8	107.8	177.0	97.5
Previous 12	1,623.0	327.5	118.8	127.5	142.8	136.6	216.7	109.3	169.5	97.7
% change	1.5	-2.6	-2.0	7.0	10.5	2.8	-0.9	-1.4	4.4	-0.3
% ch. year ago	2.0	-0.9	1.1	8.9	15.2	15.1	-5.9	-8.0	1.6	-3.9
% ch prev mnth	-0.3	-0.2	7.8	-2.7	-4.6	1.8	1.8	-3.6	3.4	-4.5

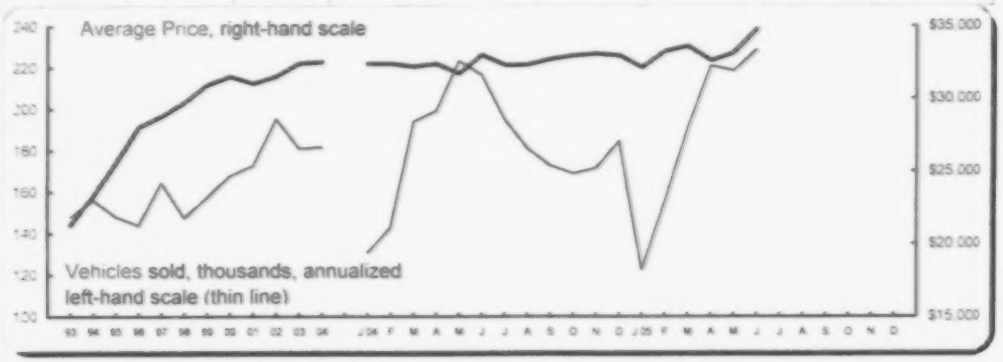




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada

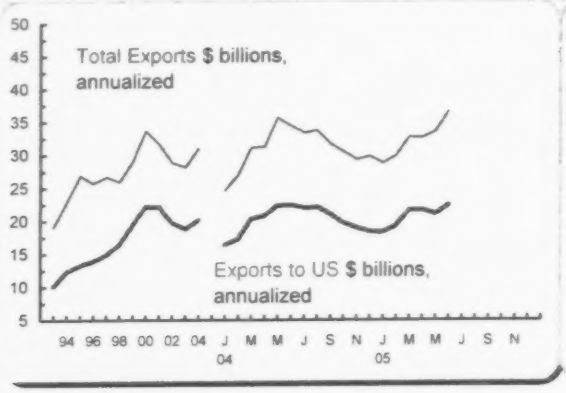
	Business				Consumer				
			Bankruptcies (Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada)			Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Business Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Consumer Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2001	35,884.7	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	40,718.9	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	38,467.9	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	43,265.0	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
2003	39,910.7	23,243	1,002	9,385	120.4	44,421.0	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
2004	43,856.9	25,428	922	8,378	122.8	47,216.6	2,750.8	181,605	5,907,610
Jan-03	3,478.7	2,122	101	731	119.0	3,695.4	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	3,450.7	1,804	93	857	119.6	3,733.6	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	3,403.0	1,952	103	879	120.6	3,600.8	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	3,264.9	1,844	92	862	120.4	3,635.9	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	3,242.6	1,747	68	761	120.4	3,648.3	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	3,196.9	2,047	93	840	120.2	3,659.9	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	3,229.5	1,837	81	821	120.5	3,688.7	197.8	16,982	546,553
Aug-03	3,193.2	1,818	61	684	120.9	3,809.1	214.1	15,961	516,156
Sep-03	3,306.8	2,056	87	767	121.2	3,726.9	197.6	14,310	482,072
Oct-03	3,320.3	2,023	75	827	120.6	3,711.1	211.5	13,784	455,682
Nov-03	3,390.7	2,050	73	709	120.8	3,747.4	253.9	14,389	460,714
Dec-03	3,433.3	1,943	75	655	120.9	3,764.0	370.8	14,242	471,844
Jan-04	3,396.3	2,115	79	665	120.8	3,780.9	162.3	10,894	353,088
Feb-04	3,391.6	2,015	71	757	121.3	3,790.0	168.7	11,896	385,560
Mar-04	3,496.5	2,045	89	877	121.6	3,895.5	191.2	16,155	520,301
Apr-04	3,624.4	2,109	94	730	122.4	3,901.9	213.5	16,582	537,134
May-04	3,625.7	2,156	73	692	123.4	3,917.2	220.2	18,600	589,843
Jun-04	3,658.3	2,337	75	832	123.6	3,943.1	223.2	18,040	595,439
Jul-04	3,794.5	2,075	68	618	123.4	3,986.5	228.5	16,246	524,992
Aug-04	3,804.1	2,031	74	610	123.3	3,972.2	227.6	15,073	487,328
Sep-04	3,747.8	2,022	57	681	123.5	3,997.9	224.6	14,388	470,545
Oct-04	3,825.7	2,015	79	684	123.5	4,029.0	235.7	14,063	463,546
Nov-04	3,724.6	2,109	81	643	123.7	4,008.3	259.9	14,293	472,926
Dec-04	3,767.4	2,399	81	597	123.5	3,994.2	395.4	15,375	506,908
Jan-05	3,676.7	2,141	52	665	123.6	3,983.5	179.1	10,199	327,696
Feb-05	3,830.7	2,223	70	798	123.8	4,095.6	176.7	12,920	429,511
Mar-05	3,964.6	2,450	74	742	124.1	4,125.5	214.9	15,901	534,497
Apr-05	3,901.9	2,460	64	741	124.9	4,132.3	224.0	18,393	599,968
May-05	3,983.4	2,445	77	739	125.2	4,126.7	230.0	18,206	603,311
Jun-05	3,970.0	2,584	61	707	125.4	4,122.5	226.1	19,041	662,274
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	125.7	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 23,327.4	t 14,303	t 398	t 4,392	a 124.7	t 24,585.9	t 1,250.7	t 94,660	t 3,157,257
% change	10.1	11.9	-17.3	-3.5	1.9	5.8	6.1	2.7	5.9
Last 12 months	45,991.5	26,954	838	8,225	124.2	48,573.9	2,822.5	184,098	6,083,502
Previous 12	41,066.6	24,504	933	9,016	121.7	45,675.8	2,624.7	181,835	5,914,386
% change	12.0	10.0	-10.2	-8.8	2.0	6.3	7.5	1.2	2.9
% ch. year ago	8.5	10.6	-18.7	-15.0	1.9	4.6	1.3	5.5	11.2
% ch. prev mnth	-0.3	5.7	-20.8	-4.3	0.2	-0.1	-1.7	4.6	9.8

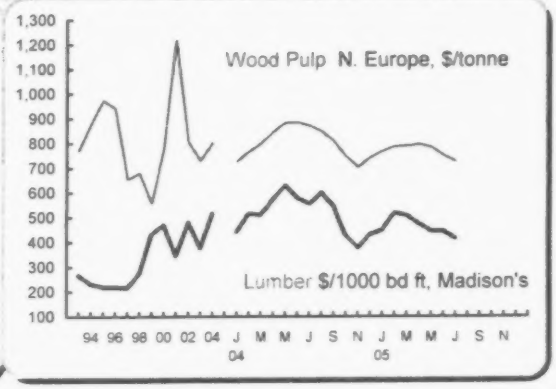


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

Period	BC Origin Exports to: Total All Countries	BC Origin Exports to: United States	BC Origin Exports to: Japan	Imports through BC ports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff): Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
	Unadjusted										
2001	31,679.7	22,104.4	4,066.1	31,640.7	344.86	1,218.08	1.11	419.83	6.79	7.45	40.08
2002	28,828.4	19,665.8	3,858.5	31,533.2	480.11	804.60	1.11	486.82	7.23	6.77	40.95
2003	28,191.7	18,792.3	3,649.4	31,263.0	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
2004	31,044.0	20,121.3	3,802.2	32,873.1	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
Jan-03	2,359.4	1,561.5	308.4	2,405.5	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	50.76
Feb-03	2,307.3	1,505.3	302.4	2,454.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	54.25
Mar-03	2,626.8	1,773.7	321.1	2,908.9	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	49.52
Apr-03	2,438.3	1,585.4	346.3	2,843.3	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	41.20
May-03	2,335.0	1,562.6	333.6	2,668.4	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	38.96
Jun-03	2,270.8	1,547.4	282.2	2,669.8	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	41.54
Jul-03	2,383.6	1,649.3	310.8	2,527.1	380.61	725.92	1.08	483.25	6.59	0.51	42.50
Aug-03	2,412.8	1,644.6	287.8	2,392.2	437.68	713.99	1.12	502.11	6.98	0.52	44.09
Sep-03	2,395.2	1,623.5	318.0	2,682.3	490.22	706.94	1.10	516.59	7.05	0.50	38.57
Oct-03	2,285.6	1,537.1	276.5	2,839.9	391.27	708.01	1.15	500.75	6.57	0.54	40.09
Nov-03	2,127.0	1,387.9	261.4	2,461.6	397.71	723.23	1.22	511.60	6.80	0.54	40.81
Dec-03	2,249.9	1,414.0	300.9	2,409.4	397.79	733.87	1.31	534.94	7.38	0.58	42.21
Jan-04	2,052.3	1,367.5	247.6	2,149.3	441.93	725.75	1.43	536.18	8.18	0.60	44.41
Feb-04	2,250.5	1,434.6	283.6	2,440.6	515.64	765.48	1.66	538.07	8.56	0.65	46.17
Mar-04	2,591.8	1,689.8	322.3	3,026.2	508.76	798.34	1.81	540.20	9.60	0.66	48.83
Apr-04	2,605.5	1,731.7	279.7	2,682.8	574.57	845.74	1.79	541.36	9.48	0.63	49.25
May-04	2,967.8	1,863.3	390.2	2,945.3	628.52	882.13	1.61	528.97	8.06	0.61	55.52
Jun-04	2,869.3	1,865.2	383.0	2,866.1	577.01	883.84	1.66	532.62	7.96	0.62	51.62
Jul-04	2,783.4	1,829.7	340.5	2,801.2	555.22	871.16	1.69	526.25	8.34	0.59	53.79
Aug-04	2,813.8	1,841.5	349.5	2,828.2	599.48	847.40	1.69	525.31	8.74	0.58	58.95
Sep-04	2,639.2	1,749.3	328.4	2,878.4	543.45	807.45	1.69	521.92	8.24	0.57	59.17
Oct-04	2,544.1	1,639.8	288.1	2,862.5	425.21	745.67	1.70	524.29	8.85	0.60	66.25
Nov-04	2,441.4	1,576.9	275.2	2,877.1	376.76	703.29	1.67	525.54	8.95	0.60	57.96
Dec-04	2,484.9	1,531.9	314.1	2,515.4	430.35	741.22	1.73	538.58	8.66	0.66	52.82
Jan-05	2,397.6	1,527.2	264.9	2,520.8	447.25	767.06	1.76	519.58	8.10	0.69	57.39
Feb-05	2,491.1	1,599.7	302.6	2,674.4	516.94	785.95	1.82	524.69	8.71	0.74	59.47
Mar-05	2,728.0	1,804.5	308.4	3,055.7	507.11	788.03	1.86	528.16	8.83	0.75	66.05
Apr-05	2,719.5	1,804.7	303.4	2,868.0	473.40	794.76	1.90	530.57	8.80	0.73	65.56
May-05	2,799.1	1,753.2	376.8	3,007.9	444.45	783.44	1.85	529.69	8.81	0.70	62.56
Jun-05	3,050.1	1,864.5	408.0	2,977.3	444.00	750.33	1.98	534.11	9.18	0.72	69.77
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	413.29	726.31	2.01	518.99	8.57	0.66	71.78
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 16,185.5	t 10,353.7	t 1,984.1	t 17,104.1	a 463.78	a 770.84	a 1.88	a 526.54	a 8.71	a 0.71	a 64.65
% change	5.5	4.0	3.0	6.2	-14.6	-6.5	13.1	-1.5	1.4	14.4	29.5
Last 12 months	31,892.2	20,522.8	3,859.8	33,866.8	468.47	770.08	1.81	526.79	8.70	0.67	62.31
Previous 12	29,191.3	19,208.6	3,661.9	31,422.8	493.03	779.87	1.46	525.80	7.91	0.59	46.28
% change	9.3	6.8	5.4	7.8	-5.0	-1.3	23.4	0.2	10.0	13.6	34.6
% ch. year ago	6.3	0.0	6.5	3.9	-25.6	-16.6	18.9	-1.4	2.8	11.9	33.4
% ch. prev mnth	9.0	6.4	8.3	-1.0	-6.9	-3.2	1.5	-2.8	-6.6	-8.3	2.9

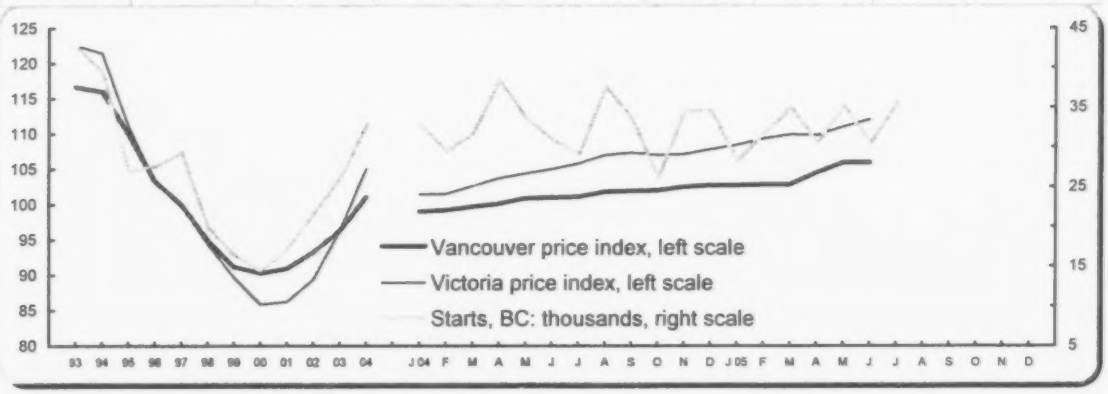




6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

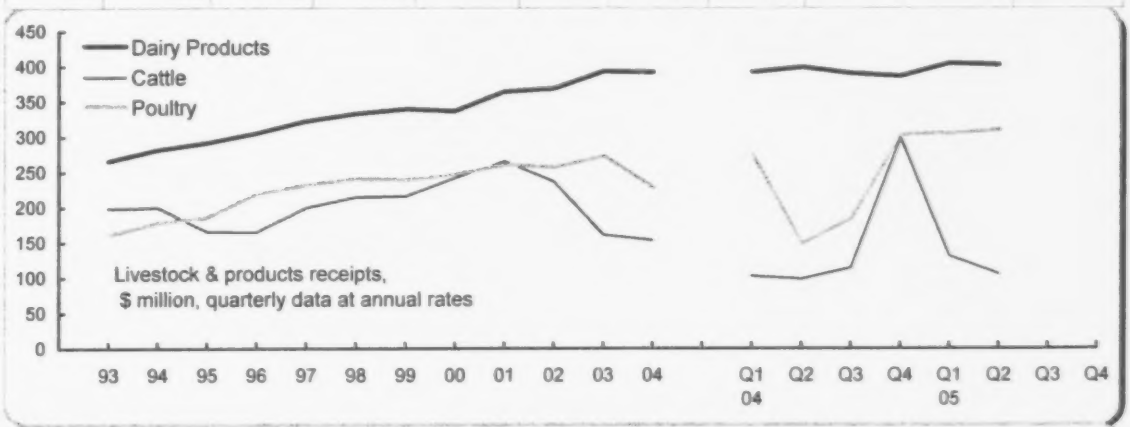
	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada)					Housing Starts	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada)		MLS® Average Sale Price
	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	All Areas	Vancouver	Victoria	
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
Period	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2001	4,954,772	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	90.9	86.2	220,952
2002	5,659,415	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	93.2	89.3	238,758
2003	6,394,238	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
Jan-03	481,441	319,116	18,846	107,332	36,147	19.2	94.2	91.6	242,202
Feb-03	399,519	282,881	11,044	73,104	32,490	26.0	95.0	92.2	252,186
Mar-03	536,734	419,344	10,789	79,820	26,781	24.8	95.3	92.8	252,979
Apr-03	521,648	331,637	36,824	98,387	54,800	24.2	95.6	93.9	250,071
May-03	498,262	359,113	13,091	98,525	27,533	20.9	96.4	94.2	250,522
Jun-03	479,935	342,127	16,070	84,186	37,552	22.8	96.5	95.7	256,107
Jul-03	592,734	384,395	35,241	107,044	66,054	30.2	96.7	96.8	255,162
Aug-03	517,403	365,844	16,783	92,399	42,377	27.3	96.5	98.1	264,008
Sep-03	712,974	485,325	23,417	108,930	95,302	31.9	96.6	98.7	267,870
Oct-03	532,720	392,589	30,595	82,263	27,273	33.7	97.1	99.7	271,750
Nov-03	530,766	373,473	20,284	110,006	27,003	26.4	97.5	100.4	278,780
Dec-03	590,101	458,338	11,040	87,629	33,094	27.2	97.6	100.9	276,371
Jan-04	640,322	473,262	6,975	137,537	22,548	32.8	99.0	101.4	274,852
Feb-04	625,773	492,787	24,844	98,213	9,929	29.5	99.2	101.5	282,348
Mar-04	575,877	435,899	15,345	96,286	28,347	31.8	99.7	102.6	286,844
Apr-04	586,608	459,848	13,719	93,903	19,138	38.5	100.1	103.7	291,398
May-04	579,501	441,574	17,612	84,062	36,253	33.6	100.9	104.4	289,975
Jun-04	1,028,549	775,697	48,218	142,886	61,748	30.9	101.0	105.0	287,158
Jul-04	607,230	440,474	27,024	68,784	70,948	29.1	101.1	105.8	281,599
Aug-04	608,297	412,654	37,720	118,517	39,406	37.6	101.8	107.0	284,685
Sep-04	716,017	550,565	28,060	101,576	35,816	33.6	101.9	107.3	288,340
Oct-04	531,157	422,713	14,598	78,441	15,405	26.1	102.0	107.0	301,576
Nov-04	791,418	566,501	68,221	92,032	64,664	34.6	102.5	107.1	296,667
Dec-04	647,976	396,963	25,714	115,788	109,511	34.6	102.7	107.8	303,977
Jan-05	652,427	467,530	20,733	110,574	53,590	28.3	102.7	108.4	292,931
Feb-05	800,047	555,395	14,641	192,150	37,861	31.7	102.8	109.3	312,594
Mar-05	906,372	523,919	29,540	247,350	105,563	35.0	102.8	109.9	320,262
Apr-05	861,759	591,849	24,761	205,096	40,053	30.5	104.5	109.8	323,674
May-05	804,504	528,840	18,409	148,599	108,656	35.2	105.9	111.0	331,021
Jun-05	898,528	544,230	41,145	166,707	146,446	30.5	105.9	112.0	330,291
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	35.5	-	-	334,675
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot. a-avg) YTD	t 4,923,637	t 4,863,027	t 149,229	t 1,070,476	t 492,169	a 32.4	a 104.1	a 110.1	a 320,778
% change	22.0	17.5	17.8	64.0	176.6	0.2	4.1	6.8	12.6
Last 12 months	8,825,732	8,662,449	350,566	1,645,614	827,919	32.8	103.1	108.5	310,058
Previous 12	7,513,328	7,565,673	264,073	1,241,158	469,066	31.1	98.5	101.1	279,413
% change	17.5	14.5	32.8	32.6	76.5	5.5	4.6	7.4	11.0
% ch. year ago	-12.6	-16.5	-14.7	16.7	137.2	22.0	4.9	6.7	18.8
% ch prev mnth	11.7	12.5	123.5	12.2	34.8	16.4	0.0	0.9	1.3

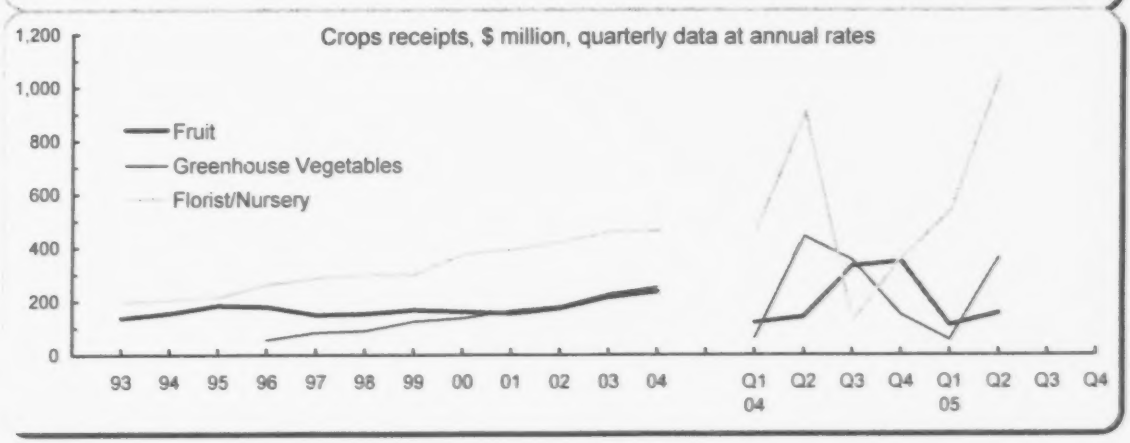


7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total Farm Cash Receipts
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2001	364,478	265,941	260,897	279,450	1,170,766	154,782	163,835	394,354	280,866	993,837	2,224,466
2002	368,630	237,188	257,753	265,738	1,129,309	173,978	180,247	423,694	258,557	1,036,476	2,196,700
2003	393,102	160,867	272,982	255,113	1,082,064	215,266	226,209	459,247	241,248	1,141,970	2,283,440
2004	391,731	153,401	228,431	237,290	1,010,853	235,706	251,881	465,365	251,242	1,204,194	2,402,599
Q1-03	97,255	57,247	63,149	60,059	277,710	26,237	14,310	114,810	57,550	212,907	498,408
Q2-03	99,044	32,438	69,928	49,232	250,642	32,295	99,781	223,474	42,324	397,874	652,885
Q3-03	98,158	17,693	71,786	57,342	244,979	75,319	79,048	30,509	65,794	250,670	506,763
Q4-03	98,645	53,489	68,119	88,480	308,733	81,415	33,070	90,454	75,580	280,519	625,384
Q1-04	97,946	25,616	68,963	59,672	252,197	30,324	15,765	116,340	59,660	222,089	500,939
Q2-04	99,669	24,544	37,232	42,108	203,553	35,427	110,673	226,609	40,913	413,622	654,544
Q3-04	97,554	28,587	46,248	48,761	221,150	82,908	88,300	31,553	73,798	276,559	511,575
Q4-04	96,562	74,654	75,988	86,749	333,953	87,047	37,143	90,863	76,871	291,924	735,541
Q1-05	101,163	32,711	76,294	51,902	262,070	27,520	13,771	134,858	55,866	232,015	535,243
Q2-05	100,644	26,397	77,663	43,977	248,681	38,542	90,723	262,681	40,509	432,455	729,284
Q3-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 201,807	t 59,108	t 153,957	t 95,879	t 510,751	t 66,062	t 104,494	t 397,539	t 96,375	t 664,470	t 1,264,527
% change	2.1	17.8	45.0	-5.8	12.1	0.5	-17.4	15.9	-4.2	4.5	9.4
Last 4 quarters	395,923	162,349	276,193	231,389	1,065,854	236,017	229,937	519,955	247,044	1,232,953	2,511,643
Previous 4	394,418	121,342	246,100	247,602	1,009,462	222,485	238,556	463,912	241,947	1,166,900	2,287,630
% change	0.4	33.8	12.2	-6.5	5.6	6.1	-3.6	12.1	2.1	5.7	9.8
% ch. year ago	1.0	7.5	108.6	4.4	22.2	8.8	-18.0	15.9	-1.0	4.6	11.4
% ch. prev qtr	-0.5	-19.3	1.8	-15.3	-5.1	40.1	558.8	94.8	-27.5	86.4	36.3

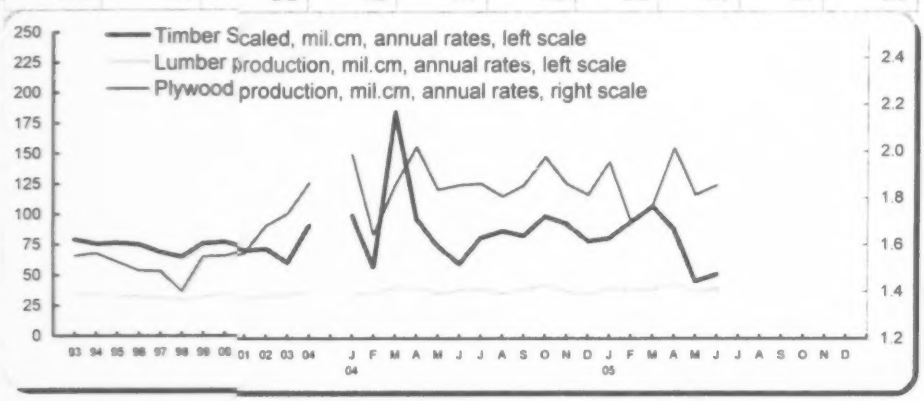




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Cubic metres (000s)		Cubic metres	Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2001	72,212	32,605.7	1,563,884	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,519	35,500.9	1,680,352	1,159	1,731	2,890	4,477	1,171	1,729	7,380
2003	61,925	35,423.3	1,733,080	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
2004	92,361	39,204.6	1,863,057	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
Jan-03	5,290	3,192.1	146,395	106	154	260	441	104	145	689
Feb-03	9,296	3,114.6	143,287	95	141	236	390	90	153	633
Mar-03	10,494	3,290.3	147,246	106	143	249	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,232.9	153,464	102	148	250	374	100	152	626
May-03	4,933	3,040.7	138,689	97	154	251	336	96	150	582
Jun-03	2,615	2,857.8	146,246	88	116	204	358	104	132	594
Jul-03	2,884	2,898.5	135,981	103	124	227	434	97	133	593
Aug-03	4,805	2,450.7	130,438	102	121	223	416	94	137	646
Sep-03	4,126	2,804.0	147,744	92	125	217	448	102	133	683
Oct-03	3,647	3,298.2	166,120	101	166	267	382	90	156	628
Nov-03	69	2,661.6	141,692	100	152	252	371	104	149	625
Dec-03	9,362	2,581.9	135,778	98	148	246	419	95	145	659
Jan-04	8,387	2,972.5	165,383	103	151	254	389	96	139	624
Feb-04	4,894	3,116.9	136,844	96	147	243	387	96	140	622
Mar-04	15,492	3,497.0	154,530	98	164	262	386	112	171	669
Apr-04	8,174	3,494.7	168,132	102	156	258	388	89	155	631
May-04	6,313	3,095.0	152,888	95	147	242	392	97	156	645
Jun-04	5,090	3,330.0	154,608	84	145	229	353	103	154	610
Jul-04	6,876	3,349.8	155,068	96	159	255	360	93	159	612
Aug-04	7,327	3,114.5	150,452	88	156	244	350	82	147	580
Sep-04	7,002	3,382.7	154,500	85	153	238	391	89	150	630
Oct-04	8,338	3,636.8	164,606	104	148	252	449	86	149	684
Nov-04	7,822	3,206.4	154,964	92	149	241	415	96	155	665
Dec-04	6,646	3,008.3	151,082	101	168	269	464	96	166	726
Jan-05	6,849	3,437.4	162,852	90	162	252	390	85	156	631
Feb-05	7,966	3,336.2	141,470	87	146	233	371	90	151	612
Mar-05	9,031	3,393.9	147,391	90	151	241	398	96	151	646
Apr-05	7,460	3,740.1	167,804	86	159	245	392	92	157	641
May-05	3,925	3,214.5	151,197	85	141	226	386	84	147	618
Jun-05	4,373	3,449.9	154,568	84	151	235	423	88	149	660
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 39,604	t 20,572	t 925,282	t 522	t 910	t 1,432	t 2,360	t 535	t 911	t 3,808
% change	-18.1	5.5	-0.8	-9.7	0.0	-3.8	2.8	-9.8	-0.4	0.2
Last 12 months	83,615	40,271	1,855,954	1,088	1,843	2,931	4,789	1,077	1,837	7,705
Previous 12	73,243	36,201	1,790,138	1,174	1,746	2,920	4,765	1,175	1,768	7,635
% change	14.2	11.2	3.7	-7.3	5.6	0.4	0.5	-8.3	3.9	0.9
% ch. year ago	-14.1	3.6	0.0	0.0	4.1	2.6	19.8	-14.6	-3.2	8.2
% ch prev mnth	11.4	7.3	2.2	-1.2	7.1	4.0	9.6	4.8	1.4	6.8



9 Mining and Energy

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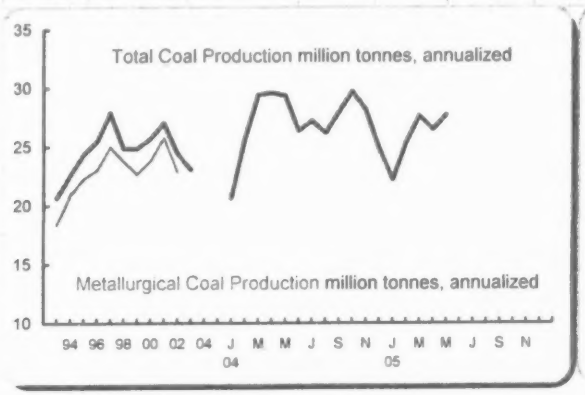
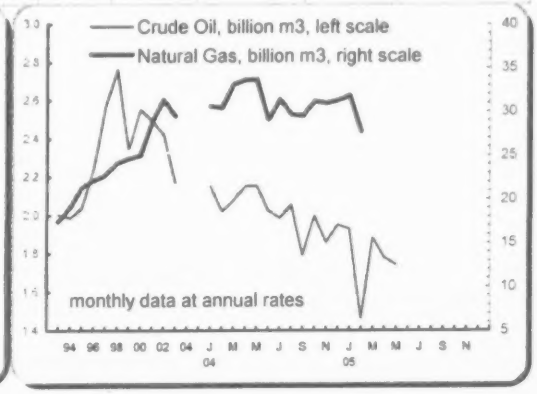
	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
Period	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,006.0	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	22,821.7	24,397.0	248.3	6.3	68.0	8.0	21.7	652.7	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
2003	-	-	23,061.0	245.5	20.0	65.7	8.9	22.9	676.9	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,050,922
2004	-	-	27,082.0	239.9	2.3	44.7	9.5	20.1	593.3	-	-	60,595,613
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,897.0	19.6	2.0	8.0	0.8	1.5	36.6	2,449.3	181.6	6,305,368
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.0	18.7	1.5	7.2	0.7	1.6	47.6	2,211.7	160.1	5,415,832
Mar-03	-	-	1,965.0	20.2	1.6	0.4	0.8	2.1	77.1	2,507.3	167.0	5,452,418
Apr-03	-	-	1,992.0	20.7	1.7	6.7	0.8	1.6	54.8	2,544.6	175.2	4,399,687
May-03	-	-	2,124.0	21.3	1.8	6.7	0.6	2.0	56.8	2,567.7	193.1	4,373,885
Jun-03	-	-	1,781.0	18.7	1.4	6.6	0.7	2.1	45.5	2,419.6	184.9	4,296,546
Jul-03	-	-	1,768.0	20.4	1.8	2.9	0.6	1.6	49.3	2,311.8	183.3	5,246,845
Aug-03	-	-	1,478.0	21.8	1.6	6.3	0.7	2.2	65.2	2,524.6	182.9	5,339,448
Sep-03	-	-	1,943.0	20.8	1.9	6.0	0.9	2.3	73.3	2,443.4	181.8	4,806,675
Oct-03	-	-	2,125.0	21.6	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.6	46.5	2,525.4	193.0	4,959,737
Nov-03	-	-	2,121.0	18.8	1.5	3.9	0.8	1.9	57.6	2,447.0	182.8	5,960,032
Dec-03	-	-	1,868.0	22.8	1.9	10.8	0.8	2.5	66.6	2,531.0	182.5	6,494,449
Jan-04	-	-	1,721.0	15.2	-	-	0.7	0.9	32.5	2,548.7	179.4	6,694,914
Feb-04	-	-	2,137.0	17.3	-	-	0.8	1.1	38.0	2,535.2	168.5	5,443,423
Mar-04	-	-	2,452.0	20.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	2.0	62.9	2,759.0	173.2	4,945,324
Apr-04	-	-	2,465.0	20.0	0.1	11.6	0.9	2.3	65.5	2,801.1	179.4	4,513,015
May-04	-	-	2,445.0	18.8	0.4	6.7	0.8	1.9	50.4	2,806.2	179.6	4,384,434
Jun-04	-	-	2,197.0	19.5	0.4	3.2	0.7	1.6	46.3	2,422.0	168.7	4,135,339
Jul-04	-	-	2,267.0	19.6	0.1	6.1	1.0	1.3	30.7	2,614.3	165.6	5,161,783
Aug-04	-	-	2,179.0	19.3	-	-	0.7	1.5	36.6	2,471.6	171.2	4,984,243
Sep-04	-	-	2,328.0	20.2	0.3	7.0	0.7	1.9	60.0	2,459.6	149.4	4,060,909
Oct-04	-	-	2,474.0	20.6	-	3.3	0.8	2.2	54.8	2,598.6	166.5	4,669,500
Nov-04	-	-	2,344.0	24.2	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.9	64.7	2,578.8	154.9	5,353,623
Dec-04	-	-	2,073.0	24.4	0.4	3.5	0.7	1.5	50.9	2,606.2	162.6	6,249,106
Jan-05	-	-	1,849.0	17.9	-	3.2	0.6	1.0	40.4	2,651.0	160.8	6,482,183
Feb-05	-	-	2,111.0	19.5	0.6	3.5	0.7	1.3	49.5	2,310.3	121.8	5,420,323
Mar-05	-	-	2,301.0	26.3	0.5	5.7	0.6	1.4	34.5	-	156.9	4,992,145
Apr-05	-	-	2,204.0	24.9	0.2	4.6	0.7	1.5	48.3	-	148.4	4,823,613
May-05	-	-	2,308.0	24.2	0.5	6.1	0.7	1.2	43.6	-	145.2	4,490,340
Jun-05	-	-	-	23.7	0.0	0.8	0.8	1.4	38.2	-	-	-
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.6	t 10,773.0	t 136.5	t 1.8	t 23.9	t 4.1	t 7.8	t 254.5	t 4,961.3	t 733.1	t 26,208,604
% change	-10.2	5.5	-4.0	22.3	52.2	9.6	-16.2	-19.4	-13.9	-2.4	-16.7	0.9
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	26,635.0	264.8	2.9	46.8	8.7	18.2	552.2	31,078.7	1,872.0	60,823,107
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	24,304.0	237.8	11.1	51.9	9.5	21.8	654.1	29,906.3	2,171.3	63,084,842
% change	15.8	-8.3	9.6	11.4	-74.0	-9.8	-8.0	-16.6	-15.6	3.9	-13.8	-3.6
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	-5.6	21.5	-95.4	-75.0	12.3	-7.1	-17.5	-8.9	-19.2	2.4
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	4.7	-2.1	-95.7	-86.9	13.9	19.0	-12.4	-12.9	-2.2	-6.9

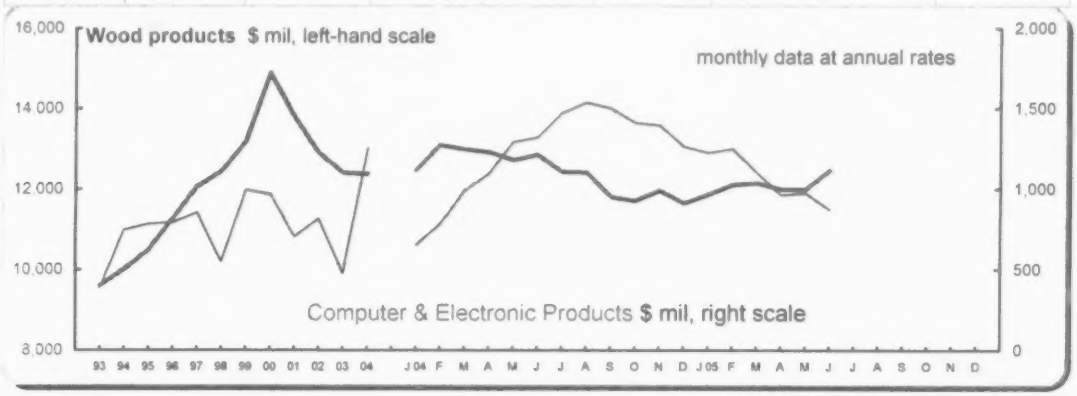




10 Manufacturing – Durables, NAICS based

Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2001	38,281,059	21,619,091	10,816,922	1,057,070	1,697,983	1,539,078	1,448,553	-	1,670,882
2002	38,498,922	22,438,355	11,269,596	1,268,304	1,714,105	1,684,598	1,223,672	-	1,564,813
2003	37,222,910	20,793,748	9,913,006	1,415,721	1,721,456	1,837,105	1,101,172	-	990,928
2004	42,249,383	25,251,583	13,011,985	1,570,582	2,030,792	2,131,413	1,095,016	-	1,060,387
Jan-03	3,164,967	1,805,828	848,232	122,349	147,252	152,120	81,985	-	91,364
Feb-03	3,114,221	1,803,605	854,947	124,028	150,738	159,093	81,532	-	82,947
Mar-03	3,101,344	1,727,907	819,369	119,359	142,397	150,844	73,327	-	85,823
Apr-03	3,077,958	1,708,788	787,026	116,132	140,266	150,711	97,091	-	84,002
May-03	3,015,018	1,671,370	765,498	113,902	139,050	154,895	91,238	-	78,688
Jun-03	3,001,714	1,689,198	783,494	114,034	141,644	147,459	85,899	-	77,791
Jul-03	3,084,801	1,752,470	821,608	110,606	138,119	153,452	99,550	-	78,314
Aug-03	3,122,837	1,771,393	832,612	110,366	136,967	159,425	102,097	-	75,893
Sep-03	3,230,285	1,867,294	876,807	120,488	160,765	150,932	106,773	-	87,863
Oct-03	3,109,195	1,801,871	844,691	114,954	140,173	156,487	100,837	-	81,295
Nov-03	3,130,404	1,822,107	864,059	120,449	137,503	157,331	98,763	-	83,434
Dec-03	3,078,202	1,763,039	817,629	128,709	148,359	144,978	82,669	-	82,873
Jan-04	3,139,030	1,817,132	883,502	124,938	140,278	162,475	93,293	-	92,796
Feb-04	3,248,100	1,895,010	927,563	131,360	152,267	159,642	106,117	-	84,662
Mar-04	3,432,322	1,994,141	996,736	130,608	160,410	167,951	104,074	-	93,553
Apr-04	3,434,877	2,046,807	1,032,633	130,168	164,084	169,156	102,572	-	83,093
May-04	3,579,167	2,119,780	1,097,551	122,781	170,350	172,029	98,301	-	91,674
Jun-04	3,549,809	2,127,933	1,107,156	125,889	166,999	172,614	101,204	-	86,974
Jul-04	3,584,476	2,181,628	1,157,325	124,235	167,477	197,510	92,331	-	81,878
Aug-04	3,636,166	2,206,071	1,179,040	123,029	173,207	186,636	92,045	-	88,291
Sep-04	3,679,992	2,226,189	1,167,115	130,722	183,183	190,313	79,264	-	90,305
Oct-04	3,587,451	2,175,087	1,137,151	135,440	179,123	180,795	77,350	-	95,272
Nov-04	3,633,255	2,194,898	1,132,729	143,620	183,673	183,419	82,625	-	88,346
Dec-04	3,585,495	2,135,242	1,087,849	142,413	180,156	187,403	75,949	-	79,692
Jan-05	3,562,506	2,134,532	1,075,555	131,233	191,954	201,589	80,450	-	90,011
Feb-05	3,614,021	2,170,829	1,083,432	143,670	192,281	185,888	85,641	-	82,080
Mar-05	3,574,471	2,127,421	1,034,257	149,313	186,522	193,695	86,536	-	94,593
Apr-05	3,507,516	2,074,312	988,239	144,139	183,890	191,943	83,227	-	92,016
May-05	3,578,452	2,112,632	991,862	151,387	194,132	211,430	83,175	-	93,150
Jun-05	3,551,018	2,074,277	957,526	147,929	189,889	190,362	93,057	-	91,655
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 21,387,984	t 12,694,003	t 6,130,871	t 867,671	t 1,138,668	t 1,174,907	t 512,086	t 0	t 543,505
% change	4.9	5.8	1.4	13.3	19.3	17.0	-15.4	0.0	2.0
Last 12 months	43,094,819	25,813,118	12,992,080	1,667,130	2,205,487	2,300,983	1,011,650	0	1,067,289
Previous 12	39,139,029	22,779,977	11,102,547	1,471,316	1,816,274	1,926,472	1,196,250	0	1,022,424
% change	10.1	13.3	17.0	13.3	21.4	19.4	-15.4	0.0	4.4
% ch. year ago	0.0	-2.5	-13.5	17.5	13.7	10.3	-8.1	0.0	5.4
% ch prev mnth	-0.8	-1.8	-3.5	-2.3	-2.2	-10.0	11.9	0.0	-1.6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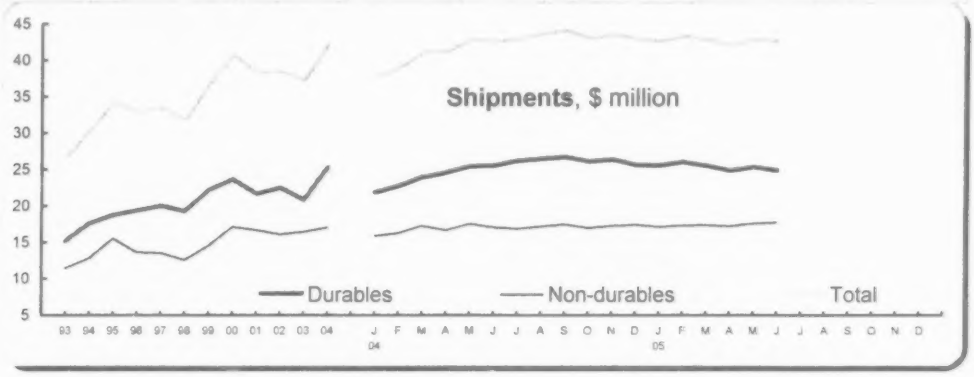
11 Manufacturing – Non-Durables, NAICS based

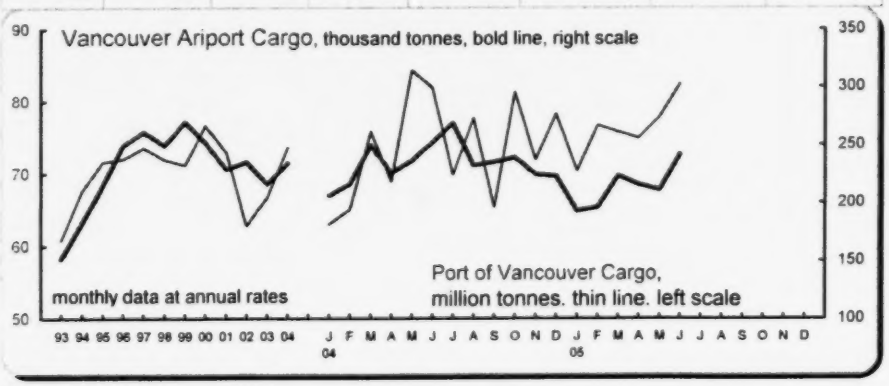
Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)								
Period	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
	Seasonally Adjusted							
2001	16,661,964	4,504,561	992,470	6,264,089	908,529	-	1,000,572	1,051,738
2002	16,060,566	4,725,249	1,087,141	5,497,354	828,868	-	1,016,553	1,054,264
2003	16,429,161	4,889,680	1,091,227	5,651,945	758,499	-	1,083,911	1,155,869
2004	16,997,799	5,023,079	1,129,515	5,875,939	779,365	-	1,269,970	1,142,016
Jan-03	1,359,139	422,828	95,107	474,258	64,092	-	90,343	93,212
Feb-03	1,310,616	404,816	91,314	437,486	64,376	-	93,025	96,900
Mar-03	1,373,437	407,343	90,549	503,421	61,437	-	88,018	96,742
Apr-03	1,369,170	409,493	90,356	493,698	59,123	-	98,169	95,853
May-03	1,343,648	397,871	95,027	486,279	58,329	-	91,857	97,108
Jun-03	1,312,516	401,080	89,283	459,710	63,011	-	85,500	100,325
Jul-03	1,332,331	409,401	84,762	470,456	60,696	-	89,356	101,010
Aug-03	1,351,444	407,509	87,981	478,760	73,482	-	92,420	95,943
Sep-03	1,362,991	411,263	90,344	497,849	63,947	-	88,287	94,718
Oct-03	1,307,324	408,216	96,176	442,615	61,903	-	86,386	96,182
Nov-03	1,308,297	406,167	88,030	448,053	64,497	-	91,309	94,456
Dec-03	1,315,163	402,826	92,630	459,360	63,535	-	89,655	93,890
Jan-04	1,321,898	412,249	93,619	435,968	59,535	-	88,490	91,308
Feb-04	1,353,090	406,961	93,618	464,758	60,324	-	90,087	97,267
Mar-04	1,438,181	414,487	96,015	525,889	61,368	-	92,989	96,456
Apr-04	1,388,070	404,158	96,916	471,237	62,990	-	103,461	94,895
May-04	1,459,387	404,991	91,919	552,154	62,735	-	105,011	87,795
Jun-04	1,421,876	406,055	92,267	517,195	64,914	-	110,402	88,695
Jul-04	1,402,848	407,340	91,411	493,422	64,333	-	109,085	95,391
Aug-04	1,430,095	424,087	91,150	496,665	69,573	-	107,249	96,838
Sep-04	1,453,803	429,723	95,590	501,032	69,546	-	110,992	99,110
Oct-04	1,412,364	427,514	93,548	462,606	67,053	-	114,842	98,711
Nov-04	1,438,357	440,779	95,252	465,844	66,926	-	114,909	98,387
Dec-04	1,450,253	433,133	96,269	489,169	62,974	-	116,010	98,456
Jan-05	1,427,974	443,724	94,256	456,157	67,460	-	107,862	102,877
Feb-05	1,443,192	445,044	100,197	454,059	67,010	-	121,299	104,185
Mar-05	1,447,050	441,279	101,586	485,340	68,622	-	115,892	100,242
Apr-05	1,433,204	437,809	98,468	463,753	71,653	-	110,911	104,386
May-05	1,465,820	445,369	103,869	481,718	73,438	-	109,760	98,518
Jun-05	1,476,741	436,802	102,134	489,498	73,136	-	106,333	101,797
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 8,693,981	t 2,650,027	t 600,530	t 2,830,525	t 421,319	t 0	t 672,057	t 612,005
% change	3.7	8.2	6.4	-4.6	13.3	0.0	13.8	10.0
Last 12 months	17,281,701	5,212,603	1,163,750	5,739,263	821,724	0	1,345,144	1,198,898
Previous 12	16,360,052	4,894,283	1,104,277	5,764,294	759,926	0	1,127,853	1,132,615
% change	5.6	6.5	5.4	-0.4	8.1	0.0	19.3	5.9
% ch. year ago	3.9	7.6	10.7	-5.4	12.7	0.0	-3.7	14.8
% ch. prev mnth	0.7	-1.9	-1.7	1.6	-0.4	0.0	-3.1	3.3



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,721	2,518
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
2004	70,289	3,283	73,574	233,809	7,986	11,181	3,797	2,572
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,478	271	5,750	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	4,919	238	5,156	19,895	715	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	5,136	287	5,423	19,217	784	1,650	492	388
Sep-03	5,131	266	5,397	18,472	636	948	334	227
Oct-03	6,493	264	6,757	19,606	636	833	296	209
Nov-03	6,096	268	6,364	18,614	524	647	239	112
Dec-03	5,901	239	6,140	19,235	626	688	235	138
Jan-04	4,971	277	5,249	17,140	552	556	207	96
Feb-04	5,155	262	5,417	17,999	571	620	232	117
Mar-04	6,045	267	6,312	20,772	619	771	278	167
Apr-04	5,499	240	5,739	18,801	606	862	305	209
May-04	6,725	295	7,020	19,659	666	965	319	241
Jun-04	6,522	299	6,821	20,993	705	993	333	240
Jul-04	5,550	270	5,819	22,369	794	1,450	442	386
Aug-04	6,175	300	6,475	19,347	831	1,560	477	381
Sep-04	5,155	288	5,444	19,580	711	1,025	356	260
Oct-04	6,523	247	6,770	19,898	680	905	311	207
Nov-04	5,703	285	5,989	18,692	569	660	250	121
Dec-04	6,266	253	6,519	18,559	683	814	287	147
Jan-05	5,592	275	5,866	16,061	627	539	204	96
Feb-05	6,110	279	6,388	16,321	605	602	228	121
Mar-05	6,023	291	6,314	18,594	674	842	297	194
Apr-05	6,011	232	6,243	17,948	614	790	292	182
May-05	6,215	267	6,482	17,571	692	985	330	255
Jun-05	6,555	311	6,866	20,107	748	1,017	345	255
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	1,433	442	398
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 36,506	t 1,655	t 38,159	t 106,602	t 3,960	t 6,208	t 2,138	t 1,499
% change	4.6	0.9	4.4	-7.6	6.5	-0.1	1.0	3.0
Last 12 months	71,878	3,298	75,175	225,047	8,227	11,172	3,819	2,616
Previous 12	68,593	3,202	71,795	230,403	7,641	10,983	3,712	2,529
% change	4.8	3.0	4.7	-2.3	7.7	1.7	2.9	3.4
% ch. year ago	0.5	4.0	0.7	-4.2	6.0	-1.2	0.0	3.0
% ch prev mnth	5.5	16.5	5.9	14.4	8.1	40.9	28.1	56.2

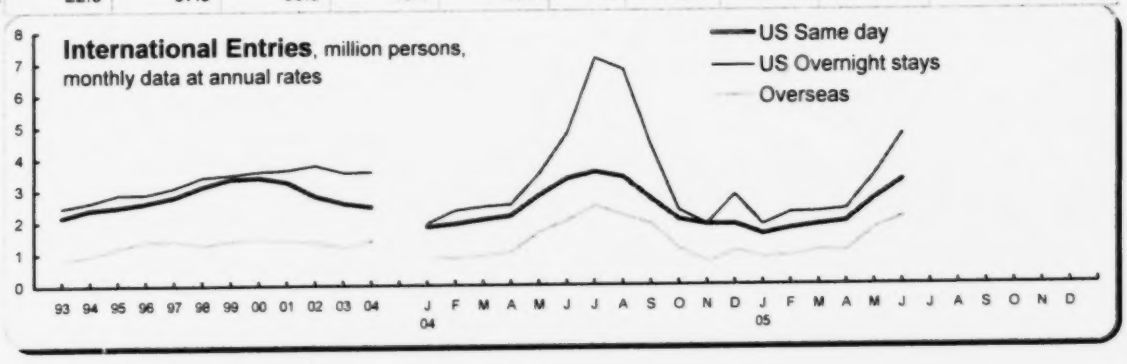


13 Service Sector — Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS.

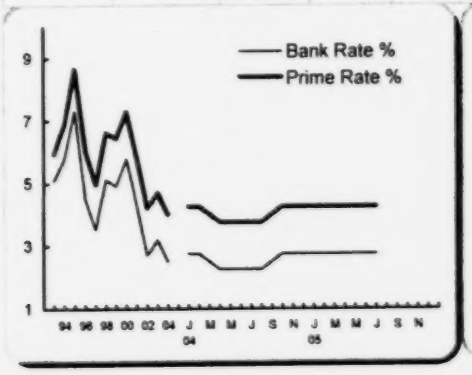
Period	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Interntl
	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,808,063	3,787,823	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	58.9	107,107	256,945	1,506,188	3,855	3,600
2003	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
2004	2,467,994	3,571,101	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.6	104,581	249,553	1,592,095	3,965	3,775
Jan-03	182,091	182,462	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.1	1,525	14,300	129,672	292	289
Feb-03	166,881	210,112	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.3	4,125	23,500	130,564	277	240
Mar-03	171,047	203,096	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.8	18,947	23,200	123,392	314	274
Apr-03	183,054	195,417	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.7	9,239	14,790	120,142	244	203
May-03	234,763	286,647	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.2	13,589	19,050	121,148	299	200
Jun-03	265,979	395,933	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,769	20,100	117,534	366	249
Jul-03	300,416	561,027	861,443	163,394	1,024,837	71.2	1,530	2,490	118,667	453	314
Aug-03	321,846	625,664	947,510	171,241	1,118,751	79.2	828	20,000	124,930	482	375
Sep-03	236,533	315,978	552,511	137,493	690,004	66.8	10,223	20,400	120,072	321	312
Oct-03	178,405	193,284	371,689	82,542	454,231	56.7	29,509	27,754	125,415	248	276
Nov-03	172,458	161,031	333,489	59,676	393,165	48.1	8,557	10,804	125,572	233	229
Dec-03	167,223	226,093	393,316	87,208	480,524	43.9	834	1,000	129,574	285	279
Jan-04	152,888	161,360	314,248	72,760	387,008	45.2	1,872	8,678	129,849	289	295
Feb-04	160,414	195,702	356,116	71,414	427,530	55.3	16,716	10,940	129,908	286	249
Mar-04	171,802	205,608	377,410	78,220	455,630	61.1	12,755	57,100	128,596	320	280
Apr-04	180,945	210,875	391,820	87,463	479,283	60.9	4,842	37,000	132,421	291	271
May-04	233,539	290,863	524,402	139,800	664,202	64.9	12,522	32,400	132,103	320	319
Jun-04	278,468	397,347	675,815	169,481	845,296	69.6	10,923	17,009	133,134	373	355
Jul-04	295,574	594,325	889,899	206,851	1,096,750	77.3	4,582	7,200	134,286	453	397
Aug-04	282,366	564,277	846,643	181,621	1,028,264	77.7	2,800	12,500	129,252	474	421
Sep-04	225,481	362,227	587,708	159,323	747,031	72.3	6,272	20,760	135,273	345	358
Oct-04	170,695	194,714	365,409	94,030	459,439	58.7	26,572	13,800	133,273	265	302
Nov-04	157,896	158,592	316,488	59,092	375,580	49.3	3,524	7,866	135,132	248	238
Dec-04	157,926	235,211	393,137	88,599	481,736	46.6	1,201	24,300	138,870	299	290
Jan-05	131,560	156,325	287,885	72,030	359,915	45.3	3,655	11,800	135,006	314	307
Feb-05	146,726	187,966	334,692	75,675	410,367	57.6	6,517	9,300	135,939	288	265
Mar-05	155,995	190,677	346,672	90,157	436,829	61.8	6,628	42,375	134,754	349	297
Apr-05	164,877	197,123	362,000	88,017	450,017	63.8	11,766	21,400	134,029	298	302
May-05	223,119	285,885	509,004	148,381	657,385	68.5	12,320	17,115	-	346	338
Jun-05	272,179	394,299	666,478	176,756	843,234	73.0	3,873	65,280	-	376	369
Jul-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 1,094,456	t 1,412,275	t 2,506,731	t 651,016	t 3,157,747	a 61.7	t 44,759	t 167,270	t 539,728	t 1,972	t 1,878
% change	-7.1	-3.4	-5.0	5.1	-3.1	3.6	-24.9	2.5	3.6	4.9	6.1
Last 12 months	2,384,394	3,521,621	5,906,015	1,440,532	7,346,547	62.7	89,710	253,696	1,611,051	4,056	3,883
Previous 12	2,554,937	3,544,832	6,099,769	1,320,692	7,420,461	60.2	111,111	245,575	1,503,688	3,902	3,555
% change	-6.7	-0.7	-3.2	9.1	-1.0	4.0	-19.3	3.3	7.1	3.9	9.2
% ch. year ago	-2.3	-0.8	-1.4	4.3	-0.2	4.9	-64.5	283.8	1.2	0.8	3.9
% ch. prev mnth	22.0	37.9	30.9	19.1	28.3	6.6	-68.6	281.4	-0.5	8.6	9.2

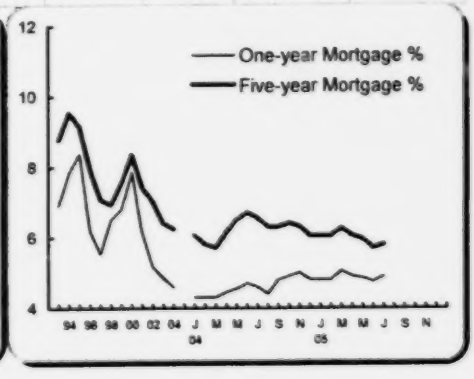


14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	87.04
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	92.47
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	9,021.5	6,983.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
Jul-03	9,233.8	7,257.9	3.25	4.75	6.20	4.55	1.04	1.3815	88.16
Aug-03	9,415.8	7,510.3	3.25	4.75	6.35	4.55	1.00	1.3957	87.40
Sep-03	9,275.1	7,421.1	3.00	4.50	6.30	4.55	1.00	1.3632	89.23
Oct-03	9,801.1	7,772.7	3.00	4.50	6.40	4.55	1.00	1.3218	91.48
Nov-03	9,782.5	7,859.4	3.00	4.50	6.50	4.75	0.99	1.3126	92.09
Dec-03	10,453.9	8,220.9	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.75	0.96	1.3128	91.65
Jan-04	10,488.1	8,521.4	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.30	1.02	1.2960	92.54
Feb-04	10,583.9	8,788.5	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.30	1.00	1.3290	90.19
Mar-04	10,357.7	8,585.9	2.50	4.00	5.70	4.30	1.01	1.3284	90.55
Apr-04	10,225.6	8,244.0	2.25	3.75	6.15	4.45	1.00	1.3425	89.74
May-04	10,188.5	8,417.3	2.25	3.75	6.50	4.55	0.99	1.3783	87.57
Jun-04	10,435.5	8,545.6	2.25	3.75	6.70	4.70	1.11	1.3577	88.68
Jul-04	10,139.7	8,458.1	2.25	3.75	6.55	4.60	1.26	1.3219	91.00
Aug-04	10,173.9	8,377.0	2.25	3.75	6.30	4.40	1.51	1.3118	91.80
Sep-04	10,080.3	8,668.3	2.50	4.00	6.30	4.80	1.76	1.2878	93.52
Oct-04	10,027.5	8,871.0	2.75	4.25	6.40	4.90	1.74	1.2469	96.36
Nov-04	10,428.0	9,030.1	2.75	4.25	6.30	5.00	2.00	1.1961	99.92
Dec-04	10,783.0	9,246.7	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2191	97.74
Jan-05	10,489.9	9,204.1	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2253	97.41
Feb-05	10,766.2	9,668.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.52	1.2397	96.40
Mar-05	10,503.8	9,612.4	2.75	4.25	6.25	5.05	2.77	1.2161	98.17
Apr-05	10,192.5	9,369.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.90	2.74	1.2360	96.82
May-05	10,467.5	9,607.3	2.75	4.25	5.95	4.85	3.01	1.2555	95.45
Jun-05	10,275.0	9,902.8	2.75	4.25	5.70	4.75	3.11	1.2402	97.06
Jul-05	10,640.9	10,422.9	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.90	3.26	1.2227	98.76
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 10,478.5	a 9,683.9	a 2.75	a 4.25	a 5.98	a 4.86	a 2.81	a 1.2337	a 97.15
% change	1.3	13.8	13.2	8.2	-3.7	9.1	166.3	-7.7	7.9
Last 12 months	10,402.4	9,331.7	2.69	4.19	6.10	4.83	2.41	1.2414	96.62
Previous 12	10,095.6	8,195.4	2.69	4.19	6.29	4.53	1.03	1.3383	90.18
% change	3.0	13.9	0.0	0.0	-3.0	6.6	134.7	-7.2	7.1
% ch. year ago	4.9	23.2	22.2	13.3	-11.5	6.5	158.7	-7.5	8.5
% ch prev mnth	3.6	5.3	0.0	0.0	1.8	3.2	4.8	-1.4	1.8





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Probing the Productivity Puzzle

2004 was a good year for the BC economy, but is the growth sustainable?

Generally speaking, 2004 was a good year for the British Columbia economy, which grew 3.9%[1], posting the strongest increase among the provinces for the first time since 1987, and exceeding the national average for the second year in a row. In per capita terms, real GDP growth (+2.7%) was second only to that in Saskatchewan (+3.5%) and nearly a percentage point higher than the national average.

Labour market indicators were robust, with job growth of 2.3%, a falling unemployment rate, and a booming market for housing and consumer durables. The business and personal sector both displayed confidence in the economy by boosting their spending significantly during 2004.

These are all very positive developments, but what are the long-term prospects for the BC economy? Was 2004 a "flash in the pan", or has the stage now been set for sustained growth in British Columbia?

Productivity improvements key to sustainable economic growth

One year of very strong growth–even several years of sustained growth–is not necessarily enough to firmly establish the province as the leading economy within Confederation. Economic growth can only result from increased use of labour, increased use of capital, or an improvement in productivity. If an economy is growing primarily because it is using more labour or capital inputs[2], the long-term potential for expansion will be constrained by the availability of ever-increasing amounts of these inputs. If, on the other hand, the growth originates in better or more efficient productive processes, the potential for long-term economic growth is much greater. In a world of limited resources, the capacity for sustained growth thus depends on an economy's ability to produce goods and services more efficiently–that is, by improving its productivity over time.

An examination of productivity change in BC over time can help shed some light on the question of whether or not the province is on track for long-term economic growth. Comparing productivity trends in BC with those in other strong-growth Canadian economies will also give an indication of how the province stacks up relative to other leading economies in Canada.

Measuring productivity change

Ideally, a productivity measure should take into account both the labour and capital inputs consumed in production. However, assessing the value of capital inputs can be a challenging task, and labour productivity is often used as a proxy measure of total productivity change. Labour productivity is calculated as the ratio of total output per unit of labour used in production. Labour inputs are typically measured in terms of

[1] All GDP figures quoted in this article are expressed in real terms–i.e., using chained 1997 dollars. Real GDP figures for the period before 1997 are BC Stats estimates; from 1997 on, the source of the information is Statistics Canada.

[2] The amount of material inputs or purchased services used in production does not explicitly affect productivity, since these costs are deducted from the value of output when deriving GDP, which is a measure of the value added to the economy by labour and capital.

total hours worked. Output is measured using real Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The advantage to using this estimate is ease of calculation. The disadvantage is that changes in labour productivity over time include both a capital and a technological (or efficiency) component, and it is not possible to disentangle the two.

Because productivity *change* is one of the key factors explaining economic growth (or decline), most analysts focus on productivity indexes, which illustrate the cumulative change in productivity over time. In some cases, when making comparisons among industries or across jurisdictions, it may also be useful to look at productivity *levels*, which can shed light on the relative efficiency with which labour and/or capital are used in different jurisdictions or industries.

About these estimates

The productivity estimates presented in this paper are preliminary, and were prepared by BC Stats using information provided by Statistics Canada. In some cases where complete data was not available for all provinces, estimates of GDP or hours worked have been derived based on related indicators.

Productivity estimates were prepared for all provinces, but most of the comparisons made in this paper have been restricted to BC, Alberta and Canada. While developments in Ontario are also of interest, in many cases that province represents such a large share of the national total that trends over time are very similar to the national average.

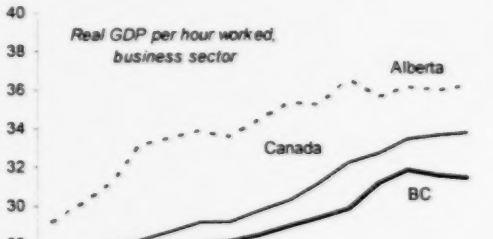
A Caveat

Because capital inputs are not explicitly taken into account when measuring labour productivity, variations in productivity levels may reflect the intrinsic nature of an industry rather than the efficiency with which it utilizes resources. For example, labour productivity is very high in the electric power industry, where relatively little labour, but a huge investment in capital equipment and infrastructure, is required to produce its output. In contrast, the personal services industry relies almost exclusively on labour inputs with relatively little use of capital equipment. In this industry, the ratio of output per hour worked will be much lower, since labour is the primary factor used in production. In other words, a lower level of labour productivity doesn't necessarily mean that one industry is less efficient than another; it may simply reflect the type of product or service that is being generated.

Overall productivity lower in BC

BC's productivity record during the last decade and a half has been less than stellar. In 1990, the province's real GDP per hour worked in the business sector[3] was $25.70. This was less than the national average ($26.30) and lower than in Quebec ($26.40), Ontario ($27.00) and Alberta ($29.20).

GDP per hour worked in the business sector is below the national average



Data Source: BC Stats

[3] Productivity data are for the business sector, which excludes education, hospitals, and public administration, as well as imputed rental income for owner-occupied housing.

Last year, despite catapulting to the front of the pack in terms of economic growth, labour productivity in the province declined, and BC's ranking slipped to sixth place among the provinces. Real GDP per hour worked in BC was $31.40, well below the national average ($33.70). Only Manitoba and the Atlantic provinces (excluding Newfoundland) had lower overall productivity levels. Alberta remained firmly ensconced in first place, although Ontario has been making gains, and productivity in that province is approaching the level in Alberta.

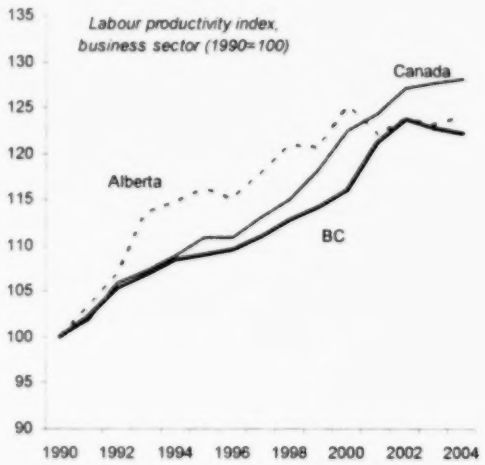
Lower overall productivity could be a reflection of the province's industrial structure and natural resource endowment rather than the efficiency with which it uses labour and capital inputs. Economies which have a concentration of highly capitalized industries, or industries that are experiencing rapid technological or process changes, will by definition have higher overall labour productivity levels. These industries may have sprung up in order to facilitate the extraction and utilization of natural resources found in certain regions of the country, or be suppliers to industries that are usually located near large population centres.

This means that, while the relatively low overall productivity level in BC is cause for some concern, it may not be possible, given the endowment of natural resources in this province, to increase overall productivity to the levels seen in some parts of the country. Factors such as the rising importance of lower-productivity service industries, and the extent to which the economy depends on the business sector to supply goods and services also play a pivotal role in determining overall productivity levels.

Productivity growth stalls

How does the province stack up in terms of productivity growth over time? There too the situation is somewhat discouraging. During the early 1990s, productivity gains in BC were similar to those at the national level, but since then the province has fallen back and long-run growth in BC has been below average, with productivity declining during the last two years. British Columbia is not alone in seeing slower productivity growth: there has also been a levelling off at the national level and in Alberta where, despite strong growth during the 1990s, the cumulative increase has also been less than the national average.

Productivity growth has stalled



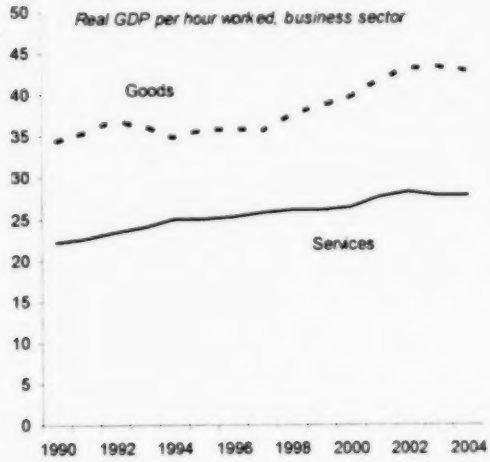
Data Source: BC Stats

Lower productivity endemic throughout the BC economy

It may be useful to look at how the province compares to other regions on an industry by industry basis rather than focussing on overall productivity in order to determine the reasons for BC's relatively lacklustre productivity growth. Delving more deeply into the sources of productivity growth in BC, it becomes obvious that lower productivity, and lower productivity growth, is endemic throughout the BC economy. Many of the major industries in the province started the 1990s with below-average productivity levels, and productivity growth in many of these industries was below the national average between 1990 and

2004. This was particularly true in the service sector–the source of most of BC's economic growth in recent years. One reason for lower productivity growth in BC thus appears to be that some key BC industries have not kept pace with their competitors in other parts of the country.

Productivity is lower in service industries, which generate two-thirds of total GDP in the business sector



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BC's greater service-sector orientation contributes to lower overall productivity

BC has one of the most service-oriented economies in the country. Roughly three-quarters of the province's GDP originates in the service sector, more than in any other province except Nova Scotia, where services make up a similar share of total output. In BC, services comprise about two-thirds of total GDP in the business sector.

Productivity tends to be somewhat lower in the service industries than in the goods sector. This is partly related to the nature of many service industries, which are more likely to rely on skilled (or unskilled) labour inputs, rather than capital equipment. Technological advances are thus less likely to result in productivity improvements, since in many labour-intensive service industries, these can only occur if people are working harder or "smarter".

Lower productivity and productivity growth in many service industries

In 1990, output per worker hour in business sector services was lower in BC than in other competing economies. Despite productivity improvements in some industries during the 1990s, the situation had not changed significantly by 2004, when productivity in the service sector was below the Canadian average in all but three industries: accommodation & food services, health care and other services. In retail trade, GDP per hour worked was virtually the same as the national average.

GDP per hour worked below Canadian average in most service industries

GDP per hour worked in 2004, business services, $1997 chained

Data Source: BC Stats

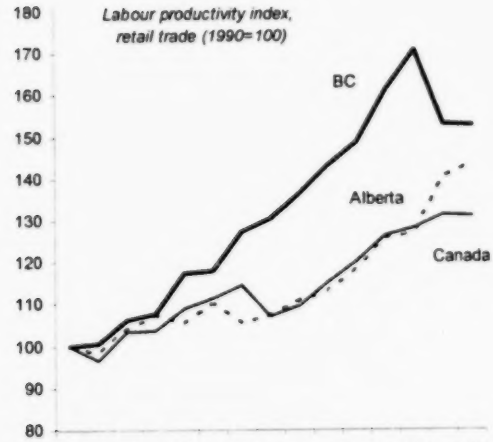
Some service industries that began the 1990s with a competitive advantage (including transportation & warehousing, finance, insurance & real estate and arts, entertainment & recreation) lost ground relative to the rest of Canada during the study period. As a result, overall productivity growth in BC's service sector was lower than in other parts of the country. This has left BC at a

disadvantage compared to other regions of Canada.

Productivity growth in business sector services falls behind national average

Data Source: BC Stats

BC retailers making more efficient use of labour



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Although productivity growth in BC has been lower than the Canadian average in most service industries, some have made significant gains. The most notable of these is retail trade, where productivity has increased substantially more than the national average. However, to a certain degree BC retailers have been playing catch-up with the rest of Canada, and in recent years productivity growth has begun to peter out. Output per hour in this industry is now equal to the national average. This is quite a big improvement. In 1990, the average GDP per hour worked in retail trade was only 85% of the Canadian level.

Productivity also increased significantly in information & cultural services and accommodation & food services between 1990 and 2004. However, productivity growth in information & cultural services lagged behind the national average.

The accommodation & food services industry, with its dependence on tourism revenues, is highly volatile, and one of the first to be affected by upturns and slowdowns in the economy. A large productivity decline in BC between 1990 and 1991 was partly due to a slow adjustment of hours worked as the industry's output shrank. Real GDP in accommodation and food services fell in every province between 1990 and 1991, but in BC, both employment and the number of hours worked increased. However, the industry has experienced modest productivity growth during most of the period since 1990.

Large year to year fluctuations in productivity do not necessarily mean that there has been a fundamental shift in an industry. The data series used to calculate productivity can be volatile, with some unexplained fluctuations. Longer-term trends in the data are more meaningful.

Average or below-average growth in most other service industries

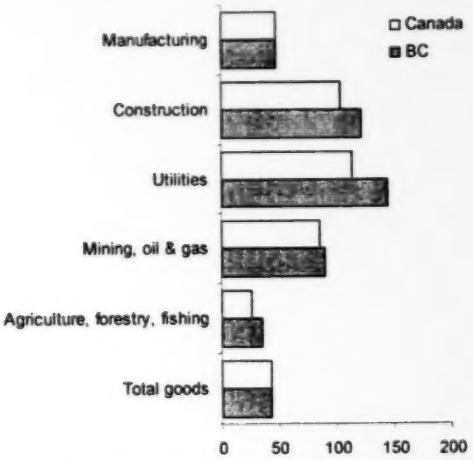
Productivity growth in most other service industries has been weak. BC's transportation & warehousing industry, where output per hour worked was significantly higher than the Canadian average in 1990, has not been able to keep pace with productivity

improvements in the rest of the country. Many other service industries, including professional scientific & technical services and information & cultural services, were unable to benefit from the type of productivity growth that occurred in Alberta or Ontario.

Productivity rising in some goods industries

As a whole, productivity levels are higher, and have increased more in the province's goods-producing industries than in the service sector. GDP per hour worked in many of the province's goods-producing industries was above the national average in 2004. However, the comparative advantage that BC had in 1990 has been eroded. Labour productivity in some of BC's key goods-producing industries has improved but productivity gains in many of these industries have not been as great as in other parts of Canada.

GDP per hour worked in many goods industries exceeds the national average, but the gap is shrinking



Data Source: BC Stats

In the goods sector, productivity began to pick up in the late 1990s, but the province has yet to regain lost ground

Data Source: BC Stats

In 1990, GDP per hour worked in primary industries such as agriculture, logging, fishing and hunting was twice the national average. This reflects the importance of the logging industry, since logging output per hour worked tends to be higher than in industries such as agriculture or fishing.

However, the BC advantage has been shrinking as productivity growth in these primary industries has not been as strong as in the country as a whole. By 2004, the differential was just 37%. There is some good news, however. BC's fishing and trapping industry has made some significant productivity improvements during the last decade and a half. The extent to which investment in capital, rather than more effective use of labour inputs, has played a role in this is unknown.

The mining, oil and gas extraction industry has seen some ups and downs, but also ended the period with a significant upturn in labour productivity. This is largely due to the influence of a growing oil and gas extraction sector. Labour productivity in this industry has more than doubled since 1990.

Productivity soars in mining, oil & gas extraction

Data Source: BC Stats

British Columbia's utilities and construction industries recorded solid productivity growth during the period since 1990, but again, the productivity gains were not as strong as in all of Canada. However, output per worker hour in utilities remains higher than the national average, largely due to the importance of hydroelectric power generation in BC, which is very capital-intensive.

In the construction industry, the province started the 1990s with below-average productivity levels. Robust productivity growth during the period since then has brought GDP per hour worked in construction up to just over the national average.

However, the situation in manufacturing is not quite as rosy. Output per hour worked in manufacturing was well above the national average in 1990, but that is no longer the case. It is now lower than in either Alberta or Ontario.

This is partly due to the fact that some of the manufacturing industries with the highest GDP per hour-worked ratios are ones which are less developed in BC: petroleum and coal products, chemicals and transportation equipment. These industries require heavy investment in capital equipment in order to produce their products and rely less on labour inputs.

There are some encouraging developments. The manufacturing industry was particularly hard-hit by the economic slowdown in the early 1990s, but recent productivity growth in this industry brought output per hour worked back up to the national average in 2004.

Since the mid-1990s, productivity gains have been particularly significant in the wood products and computer & electronics industries. Both of these industries have faced significant challenges in recent years. In particular, the softwood lumber dispute with the United States has provided the impetus for many lumber mills in the province to retool their operations, and increased productivity has allowed them to ride out the higher costs arising from the implementation of punishing duties.

Strong growth in the manufacturing sector

Data Source: BC Stats

Can the productivity puzzle be solved?

Lower productivity, and slower than average productivity growth over the longer run pose challenges for the BC economy, since without productivity gains, long-term economic growth may be difficult to achieve. However, there are no quick and easy solutions to this problem. BC's current economic structure is not only a product of its endowment of natural resources, but also its cultural and social development.

BC's slow productivity growth during the last decade and a half is partly due to the important role of services in the economy. Significant productivity gains were realized in a number of goods-producing industries, most notably mining, oil & gas extraction. However, BC has lost some of its comparative advantage relative to other provinces during the last decade and a half, and generally speaking, productivity growth has lagged behind the national average.

The fact that the business sector is a smaller part of the total economy in BC than in other provinces may have contributed to its relatively poor productivity performance. The business sector accounts for the lion's share of total output in all of the fastest-growing economies. In Alberta, for example, about 83% of total GDP originates in the business sector. The ratio in Ontario is 82% and in Quebec, it is 80%, the same as the national average. The share in BC is lower, at 77%.

This doesn't directly affect the productivity measures, since only GDP and hours worked in the business sector are included in productivity measures. However, the fact that a relatively larger share of the workforce is devoted to producing goods and services that are traded in the marketplace may have some relevance, since there are greater pressures to be competitive in the business sector than is the case in the public sector. With proportionally more people working for organizations that must either compete successfully, or become unviable, the workforce as a whole in other provinces may be more attuned to the importance of the marketplace and this may promote productivity growth.

The relatively large role played by the public sector in BC's economy, and its possible effect on the characteristics of the province's workforce may be difficult to change, even if there were a desire to do so.

Unit labour costs in BC–the ratio of wages to total output–are higher than the Canadian average for almost all of the major industry groups. This means that companies in BC may have less money to invest in new capital equipment than their counterparts in other provinces, since a larger portion of their revenue must be allocated to paying their wage bill.

Some industries also have structural impediments that make them slow to adjust their use of labour in response to downturns in the economy. In terms of productivity, this means that the effect of slowdowns on productivity levels may be amplified.

BC is not the only province to face challenges in the area of productivity. Some of the shine is coming off in Alberta, which has benefited from strong GDP and productivity growth during the last decade and a half. However, in recent years, many of the gains have been in business sector services, which pose the same problems for long-term growth in that province as in BC. Alberta's goods-producing industries also face challenges, as the strong productivity gains that occurred during the 1990s have begun to taper off.

Appendix 1:

The business sector

When measuring productivity, some industries are usually excluded from the mix. These industries are those which are in the public sector, such as public administration, health care and hospitals–industries for which GDP estimates are largely based on labour inputs, so by definition there can be little or no productivity change over time. Additionally, a significant share of total economic output (about 11% in BC) is an estimation of the imputed rental value of owner-occupied housing. There are good reasons for including this estimate in GDP, but since it is an imputation and there is no associated employment, this industry has been excluded from the productivity estimates presented in this paper. What's left is the business sector–all the goods and service industries except those indicated above. Both the GDP and hours worked figures have been adjusted accordingly.

Hours worked versus employment

Employment figures on their own do not adequately measure labour input, since they do not represent the actual amount of effort that is expended to produce the output of an industry or economy. All other things being equal, two part time employees, each working half days, produce the same output as one full-time employee. However, a simple job count would not take this into account. Therefore the labour input measures used to calculate productivity are actual hours worked.

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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted

Ave: average

bd ft: board feet

C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen

Can: Canada, Canadian

GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9

m3: cubic metres

mil: million

MLS: Multiple Listing Service

Moly: molybdenum

mth: month (as in: previous mth)

NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System

SA: seasonally adjusted

T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange

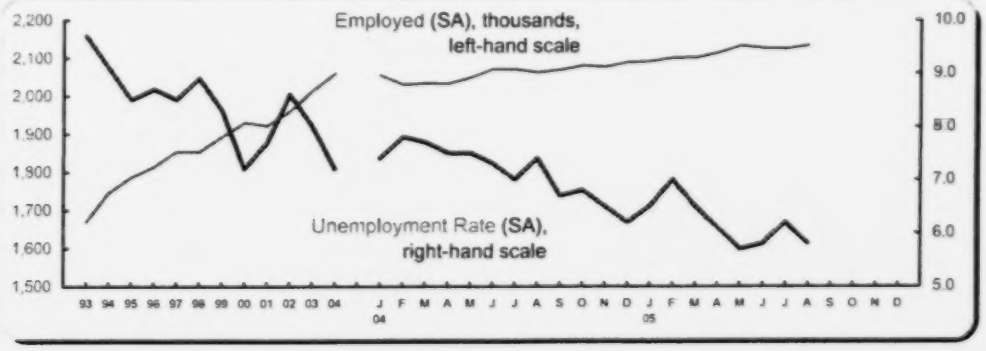
US: United States of America

WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

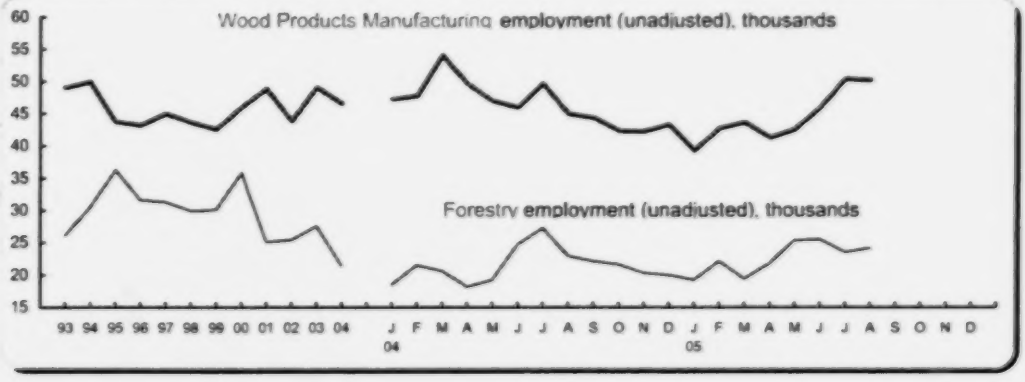
Period	Labour Force Activity: Labour Force	Labour Force Activity: Employed	Labour Force Activity: Unemployment Rate	Labour Force Activity: Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Earnings: Wages and Salaries	Earnings: Average Weekly Wage Rate	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: Number of Beneficiaries	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: $
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA		Unadjusted	
2001	2,082.3	1,922.1	7.7	64.0	32.2	61,495.9	648.13	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,143.8	1,960.1	8.6	65.0	32.0	63,192.7	668.15	817,850	1,073,203.5
2003	2,190.5	2,014.2	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,310.1	683.82	813,520	1,059,531.1
2004	2,219.2	2,059.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	68,101.6	686.61	737,780	960,359.7
Jan-03	2,153.1	1,981.9	8.0	64.8	32.3	5,427.1	682.07	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,169.1	1,994.0	8.1	65.3	32.7	5,416.9	681.94	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,181.1	2,013.2	7.7	65.6	32.8	5,394.7	681.83	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,183.5	2,008.8	8.0	65.5	28.9	5,405.2	679.75	71,440	86,968.3
May-03	2,183.0	1,998.9	8.4	65.5	33.2	5,402.8	684.26	66,040	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,175.2	1,999.8	8.1	65.2	33.6	5,402.5	686.74	60,670	89,008.4
Jul-03	2,196.6	2,009.1	8.5	65.7	31.6	5,436.7	685.72	64,540	75,483.9
Aug-03	2,193.9	2,011.8	8.3	65.6	30.5	5,430.6	687.79	67,120	83,006.1
Sep-03	2,209.6	2,013.3	8.9	65.9	33.3	5,482.5	690.66	54,170	87,528.0
Oct-03	2,213.8	2,041.4	7.8	66.0	29.7	5,500.8	683.81	58,550	66,990.2
Nov-03	2,209.2	2,037.7	7.8	65.8	29.6	5,492.9	682.56	65,750	86,669.7
Dec-03	2,215.0	2,057.1	7.1	65.9	32.9	5,517.3	678.46	73,050	92,179.5
Jan-04	2,220.2	2,054.9	7.4	66.0	32.4	5,554.2	678.67	81,270	102,257.2
Feb-04	2,202.0	2,030.1	7.8	65.4	33.4	5,595.3	685.65	76,980	109,369.0
Mar-04	2,203.6	2,033.5	7.7	65.3	31.5	5,618.3	677.70	72,950	94,275.5
Apr-04	2,199.1	2,033.2	7.5	65.1	31.1	5,647.0	676.04	65,970	79,729.2
May-04	2,214.6	2,048.3	7.5	65.5	33.4	5,642.0	673.81	59,490	87,371.7
Jun-04	2,234.1	2,071.1	7.3	66.0	33.9	5,672.6	678.14	52,460	65,468.6
Jul-04	2,226.3	2,070.3	7.0	65.6	32.1	5,690.2	680.96	52,750	61,242.0
Aug-04	2,227.6	2,062.1	7.4	65.6	31.0	5,696.5	688.27	58,430	85,782.8
Sep-04	2,218.7	2,069.5	6.7	65.2	34.1	5,705.5	697.88	46,790	61,903.3
Oct-04	2,231.2	2,079.4	6.8	65.5	30.2	5,729.8	704.09	49,490	62,134.7
Nov-04	2,220.9	2,076.8	6.5	65.1	30.6	5,733.1	700.51	57,360	73,706.0
Dec-04	2,228.2	2,089.5	6.2	65.3	33.7	5,817.1	696.56	63,840	77,119.8
Jan-05	2,236.9	2,091.7	6.5	65.4	32.9	5,779.5	708.09	73,320	105,871.9
Feb-05	2,258.1	2,099.8	7.0	66.0	33.9	5,850.4	704.90	68,190	84,184.6
Mar-05	2,248.2	2,101.0	6.5	65.6	33.8	5,875.3	698.01	62,300	78,729.6
Apr-05	2,251.0	2,114.3	6.1	65.6	34.1	5,942.7	700.56	57,820	71,114.1
May-05	2,261.4	2,132.0	5.7	65.7	33.8	5,960.6	698.81	51,210	77,672.4
Jun-05	2,256.7	2,126.2	5.8	65.5	33.8	6,007.7	700.73	45,060	56,027.3
Jul-05	2,265.6	2,125.2	6.2	65.7	31.8	-	698.02	43,390	51,783.5
Aug-05	2,264.9	2,132.9	5.8	65.5	30.9	-	702.66	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,255.4	a 2,115.4	a 6.2	a 65.6	a 33.1	t 35,416.1	a 701.47	a 57,327	t 525.4
% change	1.8	3.2	n/a	n/a	2.4	5.0	3.2	-13.1	-12.4
Last 12 months	2,245.2	2,103.2	6.3	65.5	32.8	69,788.4	700.90	56,433	886,030.0
Previous 12	2,214.6	2,046.1	7.6	65.7	32.0	66,590.2	681.23	65,043	1,016,086.5
% change	1.4	2.8	n/a	n/a	2.4	4.8	2.9	-13.2	-12.8
% ch. year ago	1.7	3.4	n/a	n/a	-0.3	5.9	2.1	-17.7	-15.4
% ch prev mnth	0.0	0.4	n/a	n/a	-2.8	0.8	0.7	-3.7	-7.6



2 Employment by Industry – Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

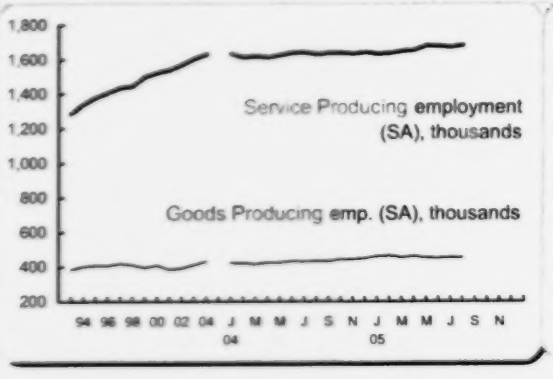
Period	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2001	383.9	25.8	25.1	4.8	11.4	10.9	110.8	22.1	48.8	15.0	195.1
2002	392.3	29.6	25.4	3.1	9.2	11.3	117.4	23.6	43.8	17.0	196.4
2003	411.7	32.3	27.5	4.5	13.2	11.1	117.4	27.0	49.0	14.4	205.7
2004	431.0	36.7	21.4	2.9	11.0	9.0	141.7	25.3	46.5	11.9	208.4
Jan-03	404.6	31.6	27.8	5.2	7.4	11.3	115.1	24.6	45.5	17.9	202.6
Feb-03	409.7	33.1	27.7	3.7	11.5	12.0	115.8	25.5	50.1	15.4	204.1
Mar-03	424.4	34.7	27.2	3.8	14.7	12.6	121.5	22.2	51.4	15.5	208.2
Apr-03	408.9	32.4	26.0	1.9	13.8	11.6	110.3	24.0	50.3	14.6	206.8
May-03	413.9	31.9	26.2	2.4	18.0	11.3	113.9	24.5	53.4	14.7	208.6
Jun-03	411.3	30.5	28.6	4.5	14.5	11.1	116.3	25.3	51.8	17.0	206.3
Jul-03	412.4	31.2	32.9	4.2	15.7	10.6	117.7	26.5	50.2	16.1	205.4
Aug-03	408.0	32.2	27.7	6.2	11.3	10.8	117.1	28.9	46.5	15.2	206.3
Sep-03	407.6	31.4	28.9	5.6	12.7	10.8	116.9	27.6	43.9	12.7	203.8
Oct-03	415.6	31.9	28.1	6.5	15.1	10.9	119.8	32.3	48.5	12.9	206.3
Nov-03	413.8	35.1	25.4	6.3	10.5	10.8	121.3	30.8	50.2	11.4	204.5
Dec-03	411.3	32.8	23.3	3.8	12.7	9.4	122.4	31.8	46.5	9.5	206.1
Jan-04	425.2	35.6	18.5	5.0	10.8	9.2	131.8	36.3	47.2	10.5	211.3
Feb-04	419.6	36.5	21.5	3.2	11.1	8.3	126.4	27.6	47.7	10.9	211.0
Mar-04	415.6	35.3	20.6	3.0	8.9	9.4	131.2	24.3	54.0	9.4	205.9
Apr-04	422.7	37.0	18.2	2.7	8.4	10.0	134.6	23.7	49.6	10.3	207.5
May-04	423.0	39.3	19.2	3.5	10.2	10.4	134.0	22.6	46.9	14.2	205.3
Jun-04	433.2	39.3	24.7	2.9	10.1	10.4	141.1	21.7	45.9	14.5	205.2
Jul-04	431.5	37.1	27.2	2.5	9.8	9.1	140.5	18.5	49.6	13.4	209.5
Aug-04	433.3	36.1	22.9	3.6	10.5	10.1	143.2	22.1	44.9	11.8	209.6
Sep-04	432.7	33.3	22.1	2.5	11.0	8.5	148.3	22.2	44.3	11.3	208.9
Oct-04	442.6	37.4	21.6	2.4	13.0	8.0	153.7	26.8	42.3	12.7	208.7
Nov-04	443.8	35.4	20.3	1.6	13.3	7.1	155.6	29.3	42.2	11.2	210.5
Dec-04	448.1	38.8	20.0	2.6	14.9	7.5	156.8	28.4	43.3	13.2	208.2
Jan-05	460.4	40.6	19.2	-	13.8	8.0	166.2	33.0	39.2	12.5	208.8
Feb-05	463.1	41.8	22.1	1.6	12.6	9.3	168.9	33.2	42.7	12.5	205.6
Mar-05	454.0	41.3	19.4	-	14.5	10.1	168.2	30.2	43.6	12.9	198.5
Apr-05	459.9	42.6	21.8	-	12.0	10.3	173.0	26.7	41.2	13.8	194.1
May-05	452.7	38.8	25.3	3.0	12.5	12.8	166.0	27.4	42.5	13.7	193.6
Jun-05	450.3	40.7	25.5	4.9	12.9	13.3	164.0	24.7	45.8	11.0	190.4
Jul-05	454.2	43.2	23.5	2.1	14.3	12.8	164.0	30.4	50.3	12.3	198.8
Aug-05	451.5	39.1	24.1	1.7	14.6	11.6	168.7	27.5	50.1	12.8	194.4
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 455.8	a 41.0	a 22.6	a 1.7	a 13.4	a 11.0	a 167.4	a 29.1	a 44.4	a 12.7	a 198.0
% change	7.1	10.8	4.7	-49.6	34.3	14.7	23.7	18.4	-7.9	6.8	-4.9
Last 12 months	451.1	39.4	22.1	1.9	13.3	9.9	162.8	28.3	44.0	12.5	201.7
Previous 12	421.0	35.6	23.2	4.1	10.9	9.9	130.3	26.6	47.9	11.8	207.2
% change	7.1	10.7	-4.9	-53.9	21.9	0.4	25.0	6.4	-8.2	5.9	-2.6
% ch. year ago	4.2	8.3	5.2	-52.8	39.0	14.9	17.8	24.4	11.6	8.5	-7.3
% ch prev mnth	-0.6	-9.5	2.6	-19.0	2.1	-9.4	2.9	-9.5	-0.4	4.1	-2.2

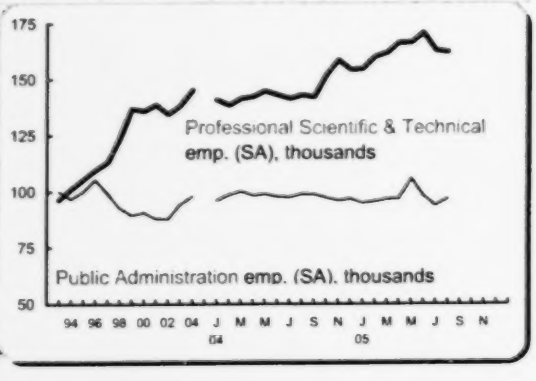


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2001	1,538.2	304.0	112.6	122.1	138.6	138.4	197.9	105.3	164.2	88.0
2002	1,567.9	323.4	112.2	125.7	134.5	137.5	211.6	105.8	162.4	87.8
2003	1,602.5	329.5	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.4	213.5	107.1	161.9	94.1
2004	1,628.7	320.6	117.7	131.5	145.2	135.1	219.5	111.4	174.8	97.9
Jan-03	1,577.3	338.8	117.3	128.7	130.5	142.9	206.0	101.2	157.3	89.0
Feb-03	1,584.3	333.3	117.8	128.8	130.5	144.5	213.5	100.5	156.4	93.2
Mar-03	1,588.8	328.3	120.4	128.1	134.4	146.9	211.6	101.3	159.7	88.4
Apr-03	1,600.0	332.1	120.6	129.9	134.0	141.8	215.4	106.6	157.3	89.1
May-03	1,585.0	325.3	120.9	122.9	131.9	141.1	215.1	110.1	156.6	90.3
Jun-03	1,588.5	326.0	115.9	126.8	134.2	137.0	216.9	107.5	159.5	94.4
Jul-03	1,596.7	324.5	113.8	124.4	141.4	140.3	214.1	109.3	160.8	97.8
Aug-03	1,603.8	325.4	119.1	122.9	145.3	140.3	210.3	107.4	165.3	94.1
Sep-03	1,605.7	331.4	114.4	123.9	143.7	131.9	211.2	112.2	167.5	96.0
Oct-03	1,625.9	330.9	117.4	125.4	145.0	140.8	213.6	108.9	166.6	99.6
Nov-03	1,623.9	328.3	119.9	127.2	143.2	136.9	214.5	108.1	166.5	98.4
Dec-03	1,645.8	328.5	123.5	126.4	143.8	139.3	220.0	110.7	169.3	97.4
Jan-04	1,629.8	339.6	119.7	128.2	140.8	138.7	215.6	109.1	163.6	95.9
Feb-04	1,610.6	325.5	116.3	124.4	138.5	137.3	212.5	111.7	168.3	98.6
Mar-04	1,617.9	331.2	112.9	129.8	141.5	132.4	220.7	108.3	168.3	100.1
Apr-04	1,610.4	320.0	117.0	131.7	142.4	132.4	218.6	105.4	173.3	98.3
May-04	1,625.3	322.8	117.9	131.8	144.8	136.9	217.2	104.7	170.7	98.9
Jun-04	1,637.9	321.3	123.1	129.9	143.0	137.0	224.4	112.3	176.5	97.9
Jul-04	1,638.9	324.6	124.4	127.9	141.5	134.9	221.6	113.0	177.7	97.6
Aug-04	1,628.8	316.4	118.3	138.5	143.0	128.1	218.5	116.6	177.0	99.0
Sep-04	1,636.7	314.2	118.0	132.3	142.2	138.6	226.3	115.1	178.2	98.8
Oct-04	1,636.8	311.4	118.3	134.3	152.0	135.0	217.7	115.7	179.4	97.3
Nov-04	1,633.0	310.3	113.3	133.1	158.5	136.2	218.4	111.4	181.6	96.0
Dec-04	1,641.3	311.9	113.0	136.1	154.3	133.2	222.7	112.8	182.7	96.7
Jan-05	1,631.2	318.8	115.0	131.0	154.8	134.1	215.6	109.5	178.4	95.0
Feb-05	1,636.8	322.4	114.5	133.2	160.1	138.5	216.3	105.3	166.0	95.6
Mar-05	1,647.0	327.6	114.9	139.9	161.9	138.7	212.6	98.6	166.9	96.6
Apr-05	1,654.3	322.3	111.5	136.5	166.3	146.2	210.5	99.7	178.1	96.9
May-05	1,679.2	328.9	118.3	139.6	166.6	148.6	205.2	97.0	180.1	105.6
Jun-05	1,675.9	322.2	116.7	143.2	170.8	152.6	204.9	107.9	174.7	98.2
Jul-05	1,670.9	321.6	125.8	139.3	163.0	155.3	208.6	104.0	180.6	93.8
Aug-05	1,681.4	333.8	123.2	137.9	162.3	152.7	215.5	103.2	175.4	96.7
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(l-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,659.6	a 324.7	a 117.5	a 137.6	a 163.2	a 145.8	a 211.2	a 103.2	a 175.0	a 97.3
% change	2.1	-0.1	-1.0	5.6	15.0	8.3	-3.4	-6.3	1.8	-1.0
Last 12 months	1,652.0	320.5	116.9	136.4	159.4	142.5	214.5	106.7	176.8	97.3
Previous 12	1,625.1	326.7	118.7	128.8	142.6	135.6	217.4	110.1	170.4	98.1
% change	1.7	-1.9	-1.6	5.9	11.8	5.1	-1.3	-3.1	3.8	-0.9
% ch. year ago	3.2	5.5	4.1	-0.4	13.5	19.2	-1.4	-11.5	-0.9	-2.3
% ch. prev mnth	0.6	3.8	-2.1	-1.0	-0.4	-1.7	3.3	-0.8	-2.9	3.1

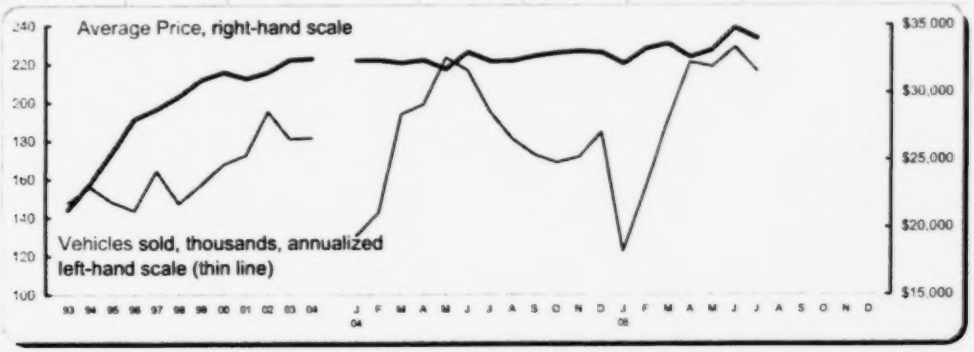




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

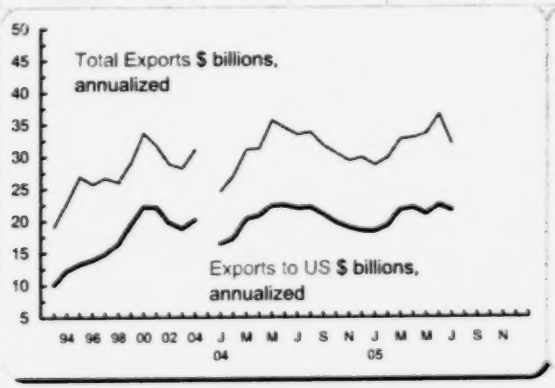
	Business				Consumer				
		Business	Bankruptcies (Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada)		Consumer	Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2001	35,884.7	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	40,718.9	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	38,467.9	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	43,265.0	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
2003	39,910.7	23,243	1,002	9,385	120.4	44,421.0	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
2004	43,856.9	25,428	922	8,378	122.8	47,216.6	2,750.8	181,605	5,907,610
Jan-03	3,478.7	2,122	101	731	119.0	3,695.4	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	3,450.7	1,804	93	857	119.6	3,733.6	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	3,403.0	1,952	103	879	120.6	3,600.8	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	3,264.9	1,844	92	862	120.4	3,635.9	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	3,242.6	1,747	68	761	120.4	3,648.3	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	3,196.9	2,047	93	840	120.2	3,659.9	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	3,229.5	1,837	81	821	120.5	3,688.7	197.8	16,982	546,553
Aug-03	3,193.2	1,818	61	684	120.9	3,809.1	214.1	15,961	516,156
Sep-03	3,306.8	2,056	87	767	121.2	3,726.9	197.6	14,310	482,072
Oct-03	3,320.3	2,023	75	827	120.6	3,711.1	211.5	13,784	455,682
Nov-03	3,390.7	2,050	73	709	120.8	3,747.4	253.9	14,389	460,714
Dec-03	3,433.3	1,943	75	655	120.9	3,764.0	370.8	14,242	471,844
Jan-04	3,396.3	2,115	79	665	120.8	3,780.9	162.3	10,894	353,088
Feb-04	3,391.6	2,015	71	757	121.3	3,790.0	168.7	11,896	385,560
Mar-04	3,496.5	2,045	89	877	121.6	3,895.5	191.2	16,155	520,301
Apr-04	3,624.4	2,109	94	730	122.4	3,901.9	213.5	16,582	537,134
May-04	3,625.7	2,156	73	692	123.4	3,917.2	220.2	18,600	589,843
Jun-04	3,658.3	2,337	75	832	123.6	3,943.1	223.2	18,040	595,439
Jul-04	3,794.5	2,075	68	618	123.4	3,986.5	228.5	16,246	524,992
Aug-04	3,804.1	2,031	74	610	123.3	3,972.2	227.6	15,073	487,328
Sep-04	3,747.8	2,022	57	681	123.5	3,997.9	224.6	14,388	470,545
Oct-04	3,825.7	2,015	79	684	123.5	4,029.0	235.7	14,063	463,546
Nov-04	3,724.6	2,109	81	643	123.7	4,008.3	259.9	14,293	472,926
Dec-04	3,767.4	2,399	81	597	123.5	3,994.2	395.4	15,375	506,908
Jan-05	3,676.7	2,141	52	665	123.6	3,983.5	179.1	10,199	327,696
Feb-05	3,830.7	2,223	70	798	123.8	4,095.6	176.7	12,920	429,511
Mar-05	3,964.6	2,450	74	742	124.1	4,125.5	214.9	15,901	534,497
Apr-05	3,899.0	2,460	64	741	124.9	4,133.5	224.0	18,393	599,968
May-05	3,979.9	2,445	77	739	125.2	4,129.9	230.0	18,206	603,311
Jun-05	3,964.3	2,584	61	707	125.4	4,121.8	226.1	19,041	662,610
Jul-05	3,916.0	2,220	60	628	125.7	4,182.8	235.5	18,002	612,133
Aug-05	-	2,331	76	647	125.9	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 27,231.3	t 18,854	t 534	t 5,667	a 124.8	t 28,772.4	t 1,486.2	t 112,662	t 3,769,726
% change	9.0	11.7	-14.3	-2.0	1.9	5.7	5.6	3.9	7.5
Last 12 months	46,100.9	27,399	832	8,272	124.4	48,774.0	2,829.5	185,854	6,170,979
Previous 12	41,631.6	24,955	933	8,739	121.9	45,973.5	2,655.4	181,099	5,892,825
% change	10.7	9.8	-10.8	-5.3	2.0	6.1	6.6	2.6	4.7
% ch. year ago	3.2	14.8	2.7	6.1	2.1	4.9	3.1	10.8	16.6
% ch prev mnth	-1.2	5.0	26.7	3.0	0.2	1.5	4.2	-5.5	-7.6

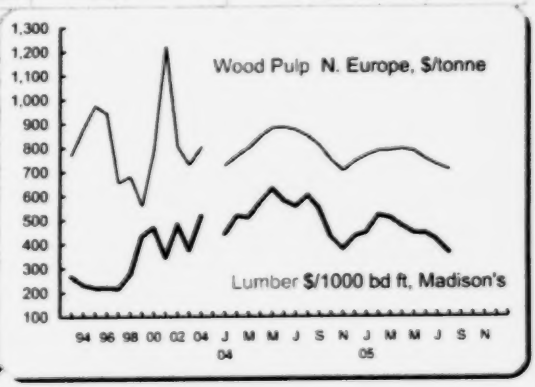


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

Period	BC Origin Exports to: Total All Countries	BC Origin Exports to: United States	BC Origin Exports to: Japan	Imports through BC ports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff): Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
	Unadjusted										
2001	31,679.7	22,104.4	4,066.1	31,640.7	344.86	1,218.08	1.11	419.83	6.79	7.45	40.08
2002	28,828.4	19,665.8	3,858.5	31,533.2	480.11	804.60	1.11	486.82	7.23	6.77	40.95
2003	28,191.7	18,792.3	3,649.4	31,263.0	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
2004	31,044.0	20,121.3	3,802.2	32,873.1	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
Jan-03	2,359.4	1,561.5	308.4	2,405.5	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	50.76
Feb-03	2,307.3	1,505.3	302.4	2,454.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	54.25
Mar-03	2,626.8	1,773.7	321.1	2,908.9	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	49.52
Apr-03	2,438.3	1,585.4	346.3	2,843.3	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	41.20
May-03	2,335.0	1,562.6	333.6	2,668.4	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	38.96
Jun-03	2,270.8	1,547.4	282.2	2,669.8	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	41.54
Jul-03	2,383.6	1,649.3	310.8	2,527.1	380.61	725.92	1.08	483.25	6.59	0.51	42.50
Aug-03	2,412.8	1,644.6	287.8	2,392.2	437.68	713.99	1.12	502.11	6.98	0.52	44.09
Sep-03	2,395.2	1,623.5	318.0	2,682.3	490.22	706.94	1.10	516.59	7.05	0.50	38.57
Oct-03	2,285.6	1,537.1	276.5	2,839.9	391.27	708.01	1.15	500.75	6.57	0.54	40.09
Nov-03	2,127.0	1,387.9	261.4	2,461.6	397.71	723.23	1.22	511.60	6.80	0.54	40.81
Dec-03	2,249.9	1,414.0	300.9	2,409.4	397.79	733.87	1.31	534.94	7.38	0.58	42.21
Jan-04	2,052.3	1,367.5	247.6	2,149.3	441.93	725.75	1.43	536.18	8.18	0.60	44.41
Feb-04	2,250.5	1,434.6	283.6	2,440.6	515.64	765.48	1.66	538.07	8.56	0.65	46.17
Mar-04	2,591.8	1,689.8	322.3	3,026.2	508.76	798.34	1.81	540.20	9.60	0.66	48.83
Apr-04	2,605.5	1,731.7	279.7	2,682.8	574.57	845.74	1.79	541.36	9.48	0.63	49.25
May-04	2,967.8	1,863.3	390.2	2,945.3	628.52	882.13	1.61	528.97	8.06	0.61	55.52
Jun-04	2,869.3	1,865.2	383.0	2,866.1	577.01	883.84	1.66	532.62	7.96	0.62	51.62
Jul-04	2,783.4	1,829.7	340.5	2,801.2	555.22	871.16	1.69	526.25	8.34	0.59	53.79
Aug-04	2,813.8	1,841.5	349.5	2,828.2	599.48	847.40	1.69	525.31	8.74	0.58	58.95
Sep-04	2,639.2	1,749.3	328.4	2,878.4	543.45	807.45	1.69	521.92	8.24	0.57	59.17
Oct-04	2,544.1	1,639.8	288.1	2,862.5	425.21	745.67	1.70	524.29	8.85	0.60	66.25
Nov-04	2,441.4	1,576.9	275.2	2,877.1	376.76	703.29	1.67	525.54	8.95	0.60	57.96
Dec-04	2,484.9	1,531.9	314.1	2,515.4	430.35	741.22	1.73	538.58	8.66	0.66	52.82
Jan-05	2,389.5	1,527.2	265.7	2,521.0	447.25	767.06	1.76	519.58	8.10	0.69	57.39
Feb-05	2,485.3	1,599.7	303.2	2,674.2	516.94	785.95	1.82	524.69	8.71	0.74	59.47
Mar-05	2,723.0	1,804.5	308.9	3,055.5	507.11	788.03	1.86	528.16	8.83	0.75	66.05
Apr-05	2,743.1	1,835.9	303.9	2,867.9	473.40	794.76	1.90	530.57	8.80	0.73	65.56
May-05	2,795.1	1,753.2	376.9	3,009.5	444.45	783.44	1.85	529.69	8.81	0.70	62.56
Jun-05	3,044.7	1,868.8	405.7	3,071.9	444.00	750.33	1.98	534.11	9.18	0.72	69.77
Jul-05	2,661.6	1,794.5	337.8	2,601.7	413.29	726.31	2.01	518.99	8.57	0.66	71.78
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	362.41	706.76	2.07	527.28	8.48	0.71	78.23
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 18,842.2	t 12,183.7	t 2,302.0	t 19,801.7	a 451.11	a 762.83	a 1.91	a 526.63	a 8.69	a 0.71	a 66.35
% change	4.0	3.4	2.4	4.7	-18.0	-7.8	14.3	-1.3	0.8	15.4	29.9
Last 12 months	31,765.6	20,523.2	3,857.3	33,763.2	448.72	758.36	1.84	526.95	8.68	0.68	63.92
Previous 12	29,591.1	19,388.9	3,691.6	31,696.9	506.51	790.99	1.51	527.74	8.06	0.59	47.52
% change	7.3	5.8	4.5	6.5	-11.4	-4.1	21.6	-0.1	7.7	14.5	34.5
% ch. year ago	-4.4	-1.9	-0.8	-7.1	-39.5	-16.6	22.5	0.4	-3.0	22.4	32.7
% ch. prev mnth	-12.6	-4.0	-16.7	-15.3	-12.3	-2.7	3.0	1.6	-1.1	7.6	9.0

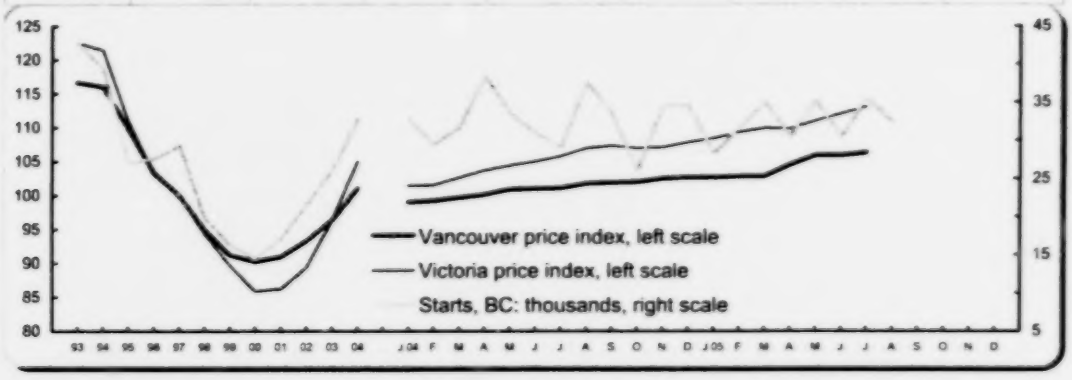




6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

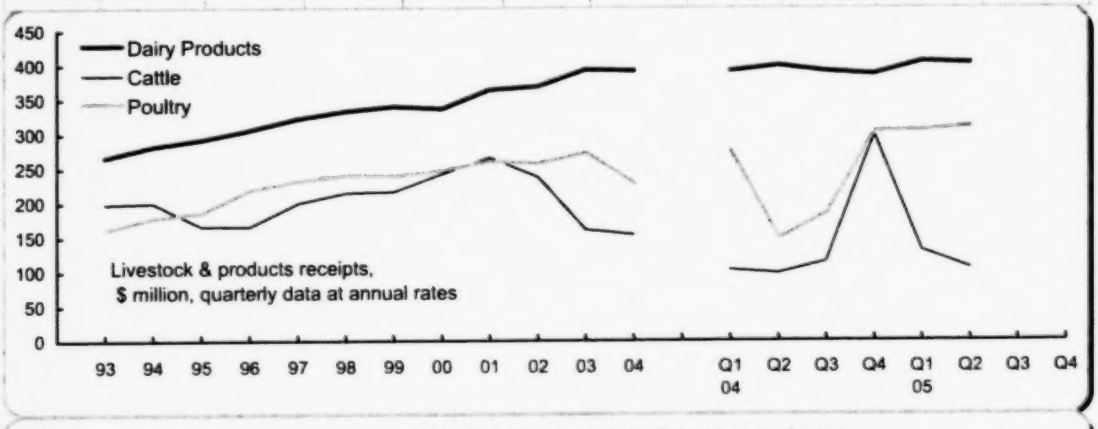
Period	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada) Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Housing Starts All Areas	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada) Vancouver	Victoria	MLS® Average Sale Price
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2001	4,954,772	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	90.9	86.2	220,952
2002	5,659,415	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	93.2	89.3	238,758
2003	6,394,238	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
Jan-03	481,441	319,116	18,846	107,332	36,147	19.2	94.2	91.6	242,202
Feb-03	399,519	282,881	11,044	73,104	32,490	26.0	95.0	92.2	252,186
Mar-03	536,734	419,344	10,789	79,820	26,781	24.8	95.3	92.8	252,979
Apr-03	521,648	331,637	36,824	98,387	54,800	24.2	95.6	93.9	250,071
May-03	498,262	359,113	13,091	98,525	27,533	20.9	96.4	94.2	250,522
Jun-03	479,935	342,127	16,070	84,186	37,552	22.8	96.5	95.7	256,107
Jul-03	592,734	384,395	35,241	107,044	66,054	30.2	96.7	96.8	255,162
Aug-03	517,403	365,844	16,783	92,399	42,377	27.3	96.5	98.1	264,008
Sep-03	712,974	485,325	23,417	108,930	95,302	31.9	96.6	98.7	267,870
Oct-03	532,720	392,589	30,595	82,263	27,273	33.7	97.1	99.7	271,750
Nov-03	530,766	373,473	20,284	110,006	27,003	26.4	97.5	100.4	278,780
Dec-03	590,101	458,338	11,040	87,629	33,094	27.2	97.6	100.9	276,371
Jan-04	640,322	473,262	6,975	137,537	22,548	32.8	99.0	101.4	274,852
Feb-04	625,773	492,787	24,844	98,213	9,929	29.5	99.2	101.5	282,348
Mar-04	575,877	435,899	15,345	96,286	28,347	31.8	99.7	102.6	286,844
Apr-04	586,608	459,848	13,719	93,903	19,138	38.5	100.1	103.7	291,398
May-04	579,501	441,574	17,612	84,062	36,253	33.6	100.9	104.4	289,975
Jun-04	1,028,549	775,697	48,218	142,886	61,748	30.9	101.0	105.0	287,158
Jul-04	607,230	440,474	27,024	68,784	70,948	29.1	101.1	105.8	281,604
Aug-04	608,297	412,654	37,720	118,517	39,406	37.6	101.8	107.0	285,140
Sep-04	716,017	550,565	28,060	101,576	35,816	33.6	101.9	107.3	288,340
Oct-04	531,157	422,713	14,598	78,441	15,405	26.1	102.0	107.0	301,576
Nov-04	791,418	566,501	68,221	92,032	64,664	34.6	102.5	107.1	296,667
Dec-04	647,976	396,963	25,714	115,788	109,511	34.6	102.7	107.8	303,977
Jan-05	652,427	467,530	20,733	110,574	53,590	28.3	102.7	108.4	292,931
Feb-05	800,047	555,395	14,641	192,150	37,861	31.7	102.8	109.3	312,594
Mar-05	906,372	523,919	29,540	247,350	105,563	35.0	102.8	109.9	320,262
Apr-05	861,759	591,849	24,761	205,096	40,053	30.5	104.5	109.8	323,674
May-05	804,504	528,840	18,409	148,599	108,656	35.2	105.9	111.0	331,021
Jun-05	863,428	538,775	41,145	161,627	121,881	30.5	105.9	112.0	330,291
Jul-05	770,989	489,766	44,321	114,350	122,552	35.5	106.3	113.0	334,675
Aug-05	954,446	655,712	37,530	151,255	109,949	32.4	-	-	334,802
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 6,613,972	t 6,737,155	t 231,080	t 1,331,001	t 700,105	a 32.4	a 104.4	a 110.5	a 322,531
% change	25.9	22.8	20.7	58.4	142.8	-1.8	4.3	6.8	13.2
Last 12 months	9,300,540	9,189,856	367,673	1,718,838	925,501	32.3	103.5	109.1	314,234
Previous 12	7,618,718	7,677,469	276,793	1,229,016	470,989	31.9	98.9	101.9	281,174
% change	22.1	19.7	32.8	39.9	96.5	1.3	4.7	7.2	11.8
% ch. year ago	56.9	60.8	-0.5	27.6	179.0	-13.8	5.1	6.8	17.4
% ch prev mnth	23.8	22.2	-15.3	32.3	-10.3	-8.7	0.4	0.9	0.0

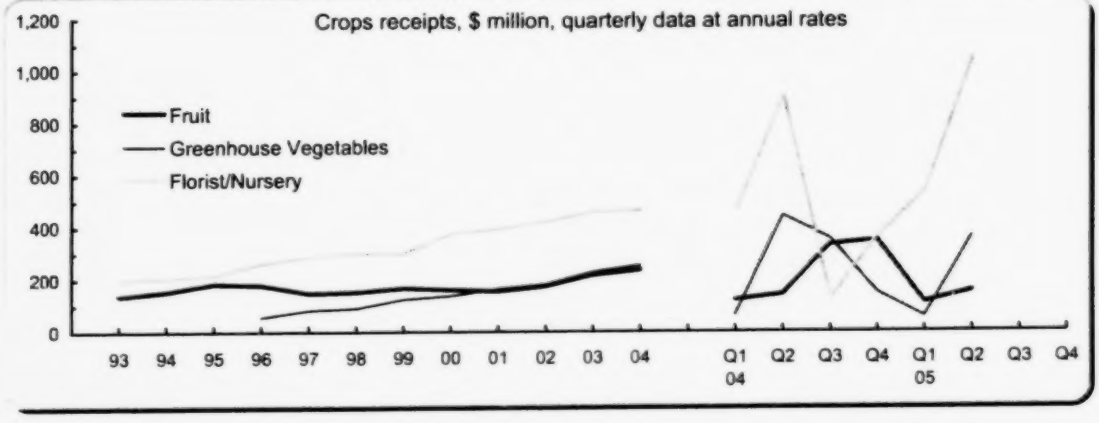


7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total Farm Cash Receipts
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2001	364,478	265,941	260,897	279,450	1,170,766	154,782	163,835	394,354	280,866	993,837	2,224,466
2002	368,630	237,188	257,753	265,738	1,129,309	173,978	180,247	423,694	258,557	1,036,476	2,196,700
2003	393,102	160,867	272,982	255,113	1,082,064	215,266	226,209	459,247	241,248	1,141,970	2,283,440
2004	391,731	153,401	228,431	237,290	1,010,853	235,706	251,881	465,365	251,242	1,204,194	2,402,599
Q1-03	97,255	57,247	63,149	60,059	277,710	26,237	14,310	114,810	57,550	212,907	498,408
Q2-03	99,044	32,438	69,928	49,232	250,642	32,295	99,781	223,474	42,324	397,874	652,885
Q3-03	98,158	17,693	71,786	57,342	244,979	75,319	79,048	30,509	65,794	250,670	506,763
Q4-03	98,645	53,489	68,119	88,480	308,733	81,415	33,070	90,454	75,580	280,519	625,384
Q1-04	97,946	25,616	68,963	59,672	252,197	30,324	15,765	116,340	59,660	222,089	500,939
Q2-04	99,669	24,544	37,232	42,108	203,553	35,427	110,673	226,609	40,913	413,622	654,544
Q3-04	97,554	28,587	46,248	48,761	221,150	82,908	88,300	31,553	73,798	276,559	511,575
Q4-04	96,562	74,654	75,988	86,749	333,953	87,047	37,143	90,863	76,871	291,924	735,541
Q1-05	101,163	32,711	76,294	51,902	262,070	27,520	13,771	134,858	55,866	232,015	535,243
Q2-05	100,644	26,397	77,663	43,977	248,681	38,542	90,723	262,681	40,509	432,455	729,284
Q3-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(1-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 201,807	t 59,108	t 153,957	t 95,879	t 510,751	t 66,062	t 104,494	t 397,539	t 96,375	t 664,470	t 1,264,527
% change	2.1	17.8	45.0	-5.8	12.1	0.5	-17.4	15.9	-4.2	4.5	9.4
Last 4 quarters	395,923	162,349	276,193	231,389	1,065,854	236,017	229,937	519,955	247,044	1,232,953	2,511,643
Previous 4	394,418	121,342	246,100	247,602	1,009,462	222,485	238,556	463,912	241,947	1,166,900	2,287,630
% change	0.4	33.8	12.2	-6.5	5.6	6.1	-3.6	12.1	2.1	5.7	9.8
% ch. year ago	1.0	7.5	108.6	4.4	22.2	8.8	-18.0	15.9	-1.0	4.6	11.4
% ch. prev qtr	-0.5	-19.3	1.8	-15.3	-5.1	40.1	558.8	94.8	-27.5	86.4	36.3

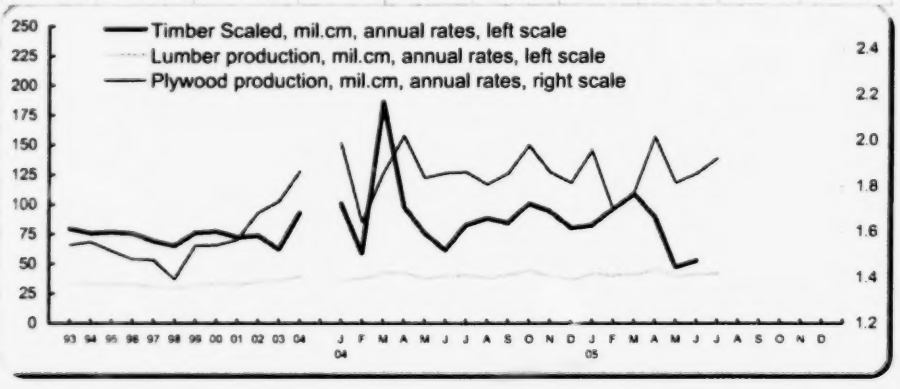




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

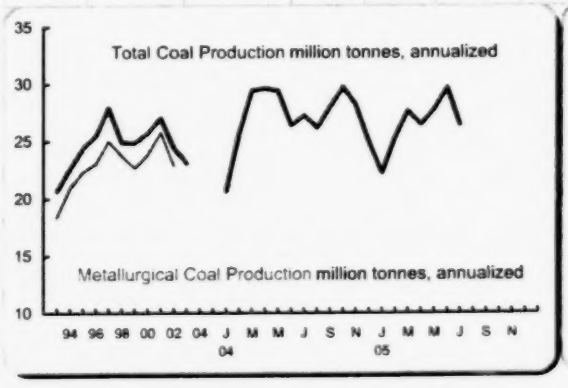
		Production					Shipments			
	Timber Scaled	Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
Period	Cubic metres (000s)		Cubic metres	Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2001	72,212	32,605.7	1,563,884	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,519	35,500.9	1,680,352	1,159	1,731	2,890	4,477	1,171	1,729	7,380
2003	61,925	36,030.9	1,733,080	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
2004	92,361	39,879.3	1,863,057	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
Jan-03	5,290	3,246.8	146,395	106	154	260	441	104	145	689
Feb-03	9,296	3,168.1	143,287	95	141	236	390	90	153	633
Mar-03	10,494	3,346.8	147,246	106	143	249	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,288.3	153,464	102	148	250	374	100	152	626
May-03	4,933	3,092.9	138,689	97	154	251	336	96	150	582
Jun-03	2,615	2,906.8	146,246	88	116	204	358	104	132	594
Jul-03	2,884	2,948.2	135,981	103	124	227	434	97	133	593
Aug-03	4,805	2,492.7	130,438	102	121	223	416	94	137	646
Sep-03	4,126	2,852.1	147,744	92	125	217	448	102	133	683
Oct-03	3,647	3,354.8	166,120	101	166	267	382	90	156	628
Nov-03	69	2,707.2	141,692	100	152	252	371	104	149	625
Dec-03	9,362	2,626.2	135,778	98	148	246	419	95	145	659
Jan-04	8,387	3,023.5	165,383	103	151	254	389	96	139	624
Feb-04	4,894	3,170.3	136,844	96	147	243	387	96	140	622
Mar-04	15,492	3,557.0	154,530	98	164	262	386	112	171	669
Apr-04	8,174	3,554.6	168,132	102	156	258	388	89	155	631
May-04	6,313	3,148.0	152,888	95	147	242	392	97	156	645
Jun-04	5,090	3,387.1	154,608	84	145	229	353	103	154	610
Jul-04	6,876	3,407.2	155,068	96	159	255	360	93	159	612
Aug-04	7,327	3,167.9	150,452	88	156	244	350	82	147	580
Sep-04	7,002	3,440.7	154,500	85	153	238	391	89	150	630
Oct-04	8,338	3,699.3	164,606	104	148	252	449	86	149	684
Nov-04	7,822	3,263.7	154,964	92	149	241	415	96	155	665
Dec-04	6,646	3,060.0	151,082	101	168	269	464	96	166	726
Jan-05	6,849	3,496.5	162,852	90	162	252	390	85	156	631
Feb-05	7,966	3,393.5	141,470	87	146	233	371	90	151	612
Mar-05	9,031	3,452.2	147,391	90	151	241	398	96	151	646
Apr-05	7,460	3,804.3	167,804	86	159	245	392	92	157	641
May-05	3,925	3,269.7	151,197	85	141	226	386	84	147	618
Jun-05	4,373	3,509.2	154,568	84	151	235	423	88	149	660
Jul-05	-	3,516.2	159,965	92	159	251	354	65	146	565
Aug-05	-	-	-	84	162	246	461	95	168	724
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 39,604	t 24,442	t 1,085,247	t 698	t 1,231	t 1,929	t 3,175	t 695	t 1,225	t 5,097
% change	-18.1	5.1	-0.2	-8.4	0.5	-2.9	5.7	-9.5	0.3	2.1
Last 12 months	83,615	41,073	1,860,851	1,080	1,849	2,929	4,894	1,062	1,845	7,802
Previous 12	73,243	37,281	1,809,225	1,153	1,816	2,969	4,625	1,159	1,804	7,588
% change	14.2	10.2	2.9	-6.3	1.8	-1.3	5.8	-8.4	2.3	2.8
% ch. year ago	-14.1	3.2	3.2	-4.5	3.8	0.8	31.7	15.9	14.3	24.8
% ch. prev mnth	11.4	0.2	3.5	-8.7	1.9	-2.0	30.2	46.2	15.1	28.1

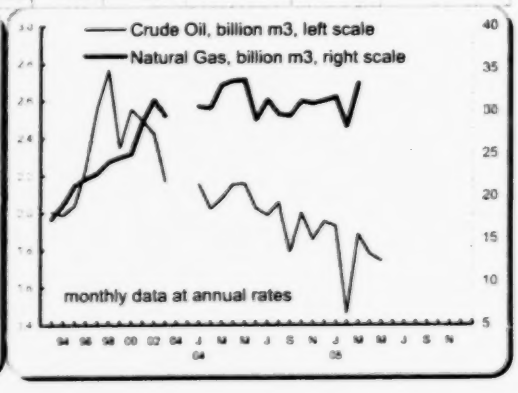


9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Statistics Canada (total) & Min. of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

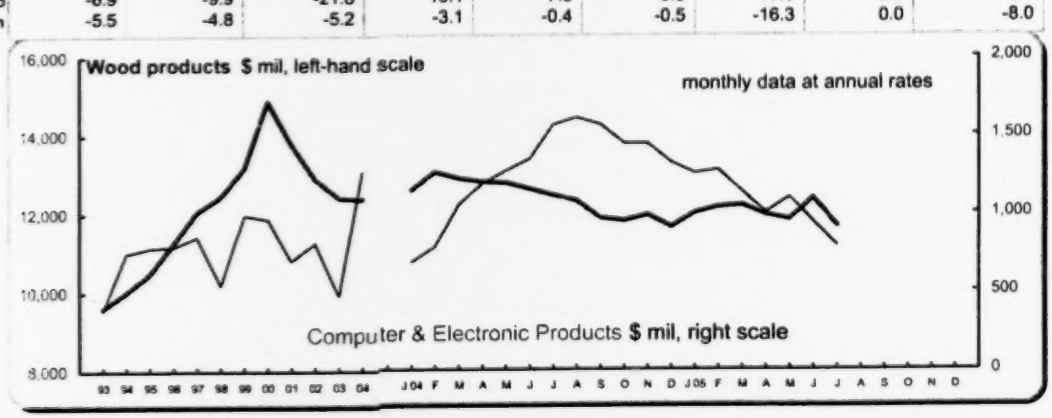
	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
Period	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,006.0	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	22,821.7	24,397.0	248.3	6.3	68.0	8.0	21.7	652.7	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
2003	-	-	23,061.0	245.5	20.0	65.7	8.9	22.9	676.9	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,050,922
2004	-	-	27,082.0	239.9	2.3	44.7	9.5	20.1	593.3	-	-	60,595,613
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,897.0	19.6	2.0	8.0	0.8	1.5	36.6	2,449.3	181.6	6,305,368
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.0	18.7	1.5	7.2	0.7	1.6	47.6	2,211.7	160.1	5,415,832
Mar-03	-	-	1,965.0	20.2	1.6	0.4	0.8	2.1	77.1	2,507.3	167.0	5,452,418
Apr-03	-	-	1,992.0	20.7	1.7	6.7	0.8	1.6	54.8	2,544.6	175.2	4,399,687
May-03	-	-	2,124.0	21.3	1.8	6.7	0.6	2.0	56.8	2,567.7	193.1	4,373,885
Jun-03	-	-	1,781.0	18.7	1.4	6.6	0.7	2.1	45.5	2,419.6	184.9	4,296,546
Jul-03	-	-	1,768.0	20.4	1.8	2.9	0.6	1.6	49.3	2,311.8	183.3	5,246,845
Aug-03	-	-	1,478.0	21.8	1.6	6.3	0.7	2.2	65.2	2,524.6	182.9	5,339,448
Sep-03	-	-	1,943.0	20.8	1.9	6.0	0.9	2.3	73.3	2,443.4	181.8	4,806,675
Oct-03	-	-	2,125.0	21.6	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.6	46.5	2,525.4	193.0	4,959,737
Nov-03	-	-	2,121.0	18.8	1.5	3.9	0.8	1.9	57.6	2,447.0	182.8	5,960,032
Dec-03	-	-	1,868.0	22.8	1.9	10.8	0.8	2.5	66.6	2,531.0	182.5	6,494,449
Jan-04	-	-	1,721.0	15.2	-	-	0.7	0.9	32.5	2,548.7	179.4	6,694,914
Feb-04	-	-	2,137.0	17.3	-	-	0.8	1.1	38.0	2,535.2	168.5	5,443,423
Mar-04	-	-	2,452.0	20.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	2.0	62.9	2,759.0	173.2	4,945,324
Apr-04	-	-	2,465.0	20.0	0.1	11.6	0.9	2.3	65.5	2,801.1	179.4	4,513,015
May-04	-	-	2,445.0	18.8	0.4	6.7	0.8	1.9	50.4	2,806.2	179.6	4,384,434
Jun-04	-	-	2,197.0	19.5	0.4	3.2	0.7	1.6	46.3	2,422.0	168.7	4,135,339
Jul-04	-	-	2,267.0	19.6	0.1	6.1	1.0	1.3	30.7	2,614.3	165.6	5,161,783
Aug-04	-	-	2,179.0	19.3	-	-	0.7	1.5	36.6	2,471.6	171.2	4,984,243
Sep-04	-	-	2,328.0	20.2	0.3	7.0	0.7	1.9	60.0	2,459.6	149.4	4,060,909
Oct-04	-	-	2,474.0	20.6	-	3.3	0.8	2.2	54.8	2,598.6	166.5	4,669,500
Nov-04	-	-	2,344.0	24.2	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.9	64.7	2,578.8	154.9	5,353,623
Dec-04	-	-	2,073.0	24.4	0.4	3.5	0.7	1.5	50.9	2,606.2	162.6	6,249,106
Jan-05	-	-	1,849.0	17.9	-	3.2	0.6	1.0	40.4	2,640.7	160.8	6,482,183
Feb-05	-	-	2,111.0	19.5	0.6	3.5	0.7	1.3	49.5	2,354.7	121.8	5,420,323
Mar-05	-	-	2,301.0	26.1	0.5	5.7	0.6	1.4	34.4	2,773.6	156.9	4,992,145
Apr-05	-	-	2,204.0	24.9	0.2	4.6	0.7	1.5	48.1	-	148.4	4,816,336
May-05	-	-	2,308.0	24.0	0.5	6.1	0.7	1.2	43.3	-	145.2	4,499,628
Jun-05	-	-	2,469.0	23.8	0.0	0.8	0.8	1.4	38.3	-	-	4,729,798
Jul-05	-	-	2,201.0	21.7	0.3	6.7	0.4	1.4	29.7	-	-	5,925,097
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.8	t 15,443.0	t 157.9	t 2.0	t 30.6	t 4.5	t 9.2	t 283.7	t 7,769.0	t 733.1	t 36,865,510
% change	-10.2	5.5	-1.5	20.4	58.6	9.7	-23.7	-16.1	-13.1	-0.9	-16.7	4.5
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	26,841.0	266.6	3.0	47.4	8.1	18.3	550.7	31,127.4	1,872.0	62,182,891
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	25,219.0	237.0	9.5	55.1	9.9	21.5	635.5	30,158.0	2,171.3	62,838,573
% change	15.8	-8.3	6.4	12.5	-68.0	-14.0	-18.3	-14.9	-13.3	3.2	-13.8	-1.0
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	-2.9	10.7	125.0	9.8	-59.2	9.2	-3.3	0.5	-19.2	14.8
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	-10.9	-8.8	######	737.5	-48.8	0.7	-22.5	17.8	-2.2	25.3





10 Manufacturing — Durables, NAICS based

	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
Period	Seasonally Adjusted								
2001	38,302,590	21,614,636	10,817,105	1,057,070	1,692,085	1,539,077	1,448,553	-	1,670,882
2002	38,511,548	22,419,104	11,261,802	1,268,304	1,706,774	1,679,295	1,223,672	-	1,564,813
2003	37,243,134	20,780,663	9,911,332	1,415,675	1,713,789	1,832,739	1,101,172	-	990,838
2004	42,343,605	25,306,221	13,081,544	1,570,582	2,019,402	2,126,825	1,094,936	-	1,060,744
Jan-03	3,188,704	1,798,148	870,459	127,117	144,812	153,873	84,033	-	88,142
Feb-03	3,123,879	1,779,708	861,302	119,982	150,011	161,245	82,190	-	82,492
Mar-03	3,094,064	1,687,283	816,211	116,595	139,620	145,684	76,431	-	84,331
Apr-03	3,077,844	1,677,653	799,098	114,298	138,019	151,009	90,359	-	83,874
May-03	2,994,703	1,621,742	751,496	113,862	135,667	153,153	91,392	-	79,479
Jun-03	3,006,645	1,655,055	776,208	114,996	139,901	150,351	88,157	-	81,380
Jul-03	3,086,721	1,710,712	805,566	113,569	139,915	152,588	96,055	-	80,651
Aug-03	3,100,013	1,712,173	806,156	113,708	137,607	156,545	99,984	-	77,725
Sep-03	3,218,937	1,823,249	877,583	119,898	158,068	148,791	105,169	-	87,838
Oct-03	3,119,759	1,775,670	845,724	114,794	141,086	159,002	101,870	-	81,543
Nov-03	3,130,768	1,791,837	865,595	120,990	139,162	157,680	101,793	-	81,558
Dec-03	3,101,106	1,747,439	835,935	125,867	149,922	142,818	83,738	-	81,822
Jan-04	3,150,103	1,831,640	895,590	129,478	138,304	160,158	95,283	-	90,429
Feb-04	3,244,055	1,891,443	927,375	131,191	150,982	161,721	104,776	-	85,213
Mar-04	3,459,621	2,011,861	1,016,908	127,673	160,058	167,609	101,554	-	93,963
Apr-04	3,475,797	2,079,816	1,062,035	129,426	165,738	168,554	99,703	-	85,170
May-04	3,570,773	2,110,242	1,088,813	122,738	167,957	169,880	99,153	-	91,876
Jun-04	3,565,225	2,130,154	1,113,520	126,400	168,360	172,922	95,811	-	89,807
Jul-04	3,644,725	2,225,049	1,186,345	127,628	170,679	198,873	92,365	-	82,950
Aug-04	3,666,732	2,229,084	1,202,067	122,374	173,382	186,629	89,391	-	89,475
Sep-04	3,710,957	2,253,164	1,186,938	131,781	181,855	190,067	80,364	-	90,889
Oct-04	3,600,688	2,185,009	1,147,602	138,120	179,114	179,844	79,000	-	93,278
Nov-04	3,646,753	2,203,686	1,147,445	141,481	183,037	183,935	81,942	-	87,101
Dec-04	3,608,169	2,155,069	1,106,901	142,293	179,935	186,633	75,595	-	80,596
Jan-05	3,571,895	2,142,401	1,083,199	133,637	188,633	200,759	83,076	-	88,547
Feb-05	3,619,046	2,174,249	1,090,927	144,175	190,148	183,363	86,168	-	81,947
Mar-05	3,593,005	2,139,807	1,045,089	150,454	185,023	192,600	87,205	-	96,376
Apr-05	3,528,656	2,085,705	999,778	149,528	183,376	191,046	81,945	-	91,318
May-05	3,634,369	2,161,952	1,032,078	163,604	190,797	214,792	79,624	-	93,092
Jun-05	3,591,759	2,107,852	979,359	156,883	184,733	193,284	90,760	-	92,296
Jul-05	3,392,436	2,005,636	928,108	152,023	184,067	192,279	75,921	-	84,932
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 24,931,166	t 14,817,602	t 7,158,538	t 1,050,304	t 1,306,777	t 1,368,123	t 584,699	t 0	t 628,508
% change	3.4	3.8	-1.8	17.4	16.5	14.0	-15.1	0.0	1.5
Last 12 months	43,164,465	25,843,614	12,949,491	1,726,353	2,204,100	2,295,231	990,991	0	1,069,847
Previous 12	39,780,882	23,130,573	11,521,579	1,489,791	1,847,923	1,964,553	1,181,199	0	1,029,894
% change	8.5	11.7	12.4	15.9	19.3	16.8	-16.1	0.0	3.9
% ch. year ago	-6.9	-9.9	-21.8	19.1	7.8	-3.3	-17.8	0.0	2.4
% ch. prev mnth	-5.5	-4.8	-5.2	-3.1	-0.4	-0.5	-16.3	0.0	-8.0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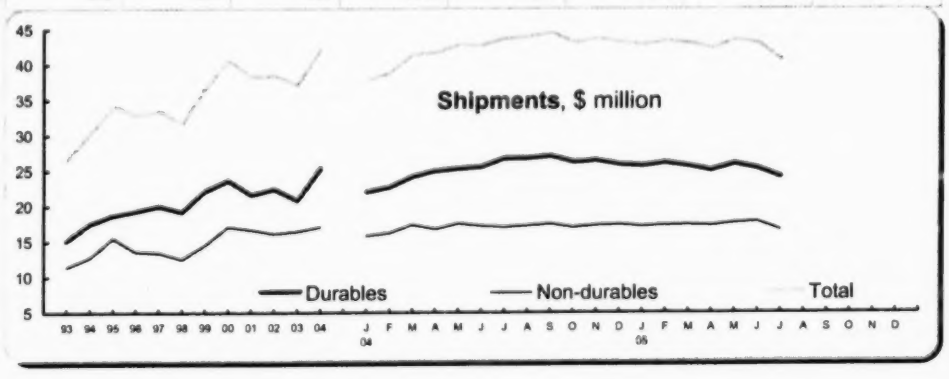
11 Manufacturing – Non-Durables, NAICS based

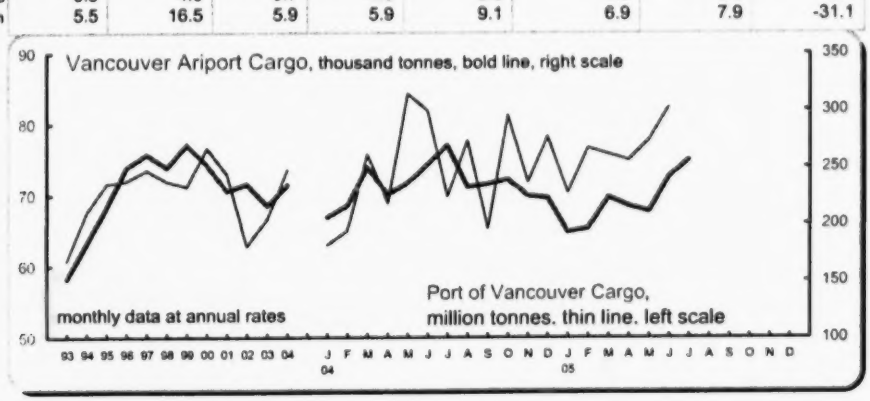
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
2001	16,687,953	4,525,550	992,470	6,263,088	908,529	-	1,000,572	1,057,740
2002	16,092,443	4,752,512	1,087,141	5,496,248	828,868	-	1,016,553	1,059,977
2003	16,462,469	4,918,125	1,091,227	5,650,853	758,499	-	1,083,911	1,161,803
2004	17,037,384	5,053,924	1,129,515	5,874,768	779,365	-	1,269,970	1,150,013
Jan-03	1,390,556	420,719	95,455	474,168	64,260	-	91,724	92,573
Feb-03	1,344,171	405,024	90,627	437,397	66,677	-	92,960	95,472
Mar-03	1,406,781	408,187	88,817	503,330	62,501	-	89,599	97,161
Apr-03	1,400,191	413,200	89,960	493,610	59,727	-	93,808	96,337
May-03	1,372,961	400,994	92,509	486,189	58,532	-	90,316	99,646
Jun-03	1,351,590	408,601	88,593	459,626	61,700	-	87,210	100,732
Jul-03	1,376,009	417,235	87,143	470,366	60,905	-	88,524	102,295
Aug-03	1,387,840	410,141	89,921	478,672	70,506	-	93,923	95,328
Sep-03	1,395,688	413,150	89,524	497,754	62,462	-	88,727	94,419
Oct-03	1,344,089	410,373	96,998	442,507	61,672	-	84,775	97,025
Nov-03	1,338,931	404,474	88,861	447,960	64,347	-	91,236	96,033
Dec-03	1,353,667	406,027	92,820	459,274	65,210	-	91,110	94,783
Jan-04	1,318,463	409,966	93,911	435,875	59,847	-	90,042	90,264
Feb-04	1,352,612	406,669	93,355	464,679	62,870	-	88,810	96,230
Mar-04	1,447,760	420,631	94,713	525,796	62,973	-	92,531	99,281
Apr-04	1,395,981	407,137	97,974	471,147	63,669	-	102,921	94,891
May-04	1,460,531	406,296	89,303	552,062	63,153	-	104,724	89,394
Jun-04	1,435,071	415,169	91,945	517,102	65,382	-	115,541	89,760
Jul-04	1,419,676	417,156	93,387	493,336	64,425	-	111,064	96,675
Aug-04	1,437,648	428,845	92,127	496,564	69,246	-	108,684	97,467
Sep-04	1,457,793	431,258	96,174	500,923	70,183	-	110,889	100,022
Oct-04	1,415,679	431,067	93,678	462,490	66,560	-	115,529	98,987
Nov-04	1,443,067	443,907	96,491	465,721	66,800	-	115,442	98,668
Dec-04	1,453,100	435,824	96,456	489,073	64,257	-	113,793	99,175
Jan-05	1,429,494	445,272	95,483	456,067	67,255	-	107,650	102,492
Feb-05	1,444,797	446,237	100,288	453,963	67,581	-	120,246	105,214
Mar-05	1,453,198	443,956	102,732	485,223	69,004	-	116,133	102,388
Apr-05	1,442,951	442,499	100,514	463,830	72,553	-	111,421	105,744
May-05	1,472,417	445,824	105,063	481,807	74,855	-	111,778	99,959
Jun-05	1,483,907	434,138	105,054	489,214	75,991	-	108,813	104,764
Jul-05	1,386,800	432,569	100,690	408,697	75,782	-	108,812	100,829
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, 8-avg) YTD	t 10,113,564	t 3,090,495	t 709,824	t 3,238,801	t 503,021	t 0	t 784,853	t 721,390
% change	2.9	7.2	8.4	-6.4	13.7	0.0	11.2	9.9
Last 12 months	17,320,851	5,261,396	1,184,750	5,653,572	840,067	0	1,349,190	1,215,709
Previous 12	16,650,309	4,927,189	1,112,712	5,786,164	766,516	0	1,155,404	1,134,083
% change	4.0	6.8	6.5	-2.3	9.6	0.0	16.8	7.2
% ch. year ago	-2.3	3.7	7.8	-17.2	17.6	0.0	-2.0	4.3
% ch prev mnth	-6.5	-0.4	-4.2	-16.5	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-3.8



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,721	2,518
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
2004	70,289	3,283	73,574	233,809	7,986	11,181	3,797	2,572
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,478	271	5,750	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	4,919	238	5,156	19,895	715	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	5,136	287	5,423	19,217	784	1,650	492	388
Sep-03	5,131	266	5,397	18,472	636	948	334	227
Oct-03	6,493	264	6,757	19,606	636	833	296	209
Nov-03	6,096	268	6,364	18,614	524	647	239	112
Dec-03	5,901	239	6,140	19,235	626	688	235	138
Jan-04	4,971	277	5,249	17,140	552	556	207	96
Feb-04	5,155	262	5,417	17,999	571	620	232	117
Mar-04	6,045	267	6,312	20,772	619	771	278	167
Apr-04	5,499	240	5,739	18,801	606	862	305	209
May-04	6,725	295	7,020	19,659	666	965	319	241
Jun-04	6,522	299	6,821	20,993	705	993	333	240
Jul-04	5,550	270	5,819	22,369	794	1,450	442	386
Aug-04	6,175	300	6,475	19,347	831	1,560	477	381
Sep-04	5,155	288	5,444	19,580	711	1,025	356	260
Oct-04	6,523	247	6,770	19,898	680	905	311	207
Nov-04	5,703	285	5,989	18,692	569	660	250	121
Dec-04	6,266	253	6,519	18,559	683	814	287	147
Jan-05	5,592	275	5,866	16,061	627	539	204	96
Feb-05	6,110	279	6,388	16,321	605	602	228	121
Mar-05	6,023	291	6,314	18,594	674	842	297	194
Apr-05	6,011	232	6,243	17,948	614	790	292	182
May-05	6,215	267	6,482	17,571	692	985	330	255
Jun-05	6,555	311	6,866	20,107	748	1,017	345	255
Jul-05	-	-	-	21,286	816	1,433	442	398
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	1,532	477	388
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	267
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 36,506	t 1,655	t 38,159	t 127,888	t 4,776	t 7,740	t 2,615	t 2,155
% change	4.6	0.9	4.4	-7.1	5.8	-0.5	0.8	2.7
Last 12 months	71,878	3,298	75,175	223,964	8,249	11,144	3,819	2,629
Previous 12	68,593	3,202	71,795	232,877	7,719	10,893	3,697	2,556
% change	4.8	3.0	4.7	-3.8	6.9	2.3	3.3	2.9
% ch. year ago	0.5	4.0	0.7	-4.8	2.8	-1.8	0.0	2.8
% ch prev mnth	5.5	16.5	5.9	5.9	9.1	6.9	7.9	-31.1



13 Service Sector – Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue: BC STATS

	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Interntl
Period	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,808,063	3,787,823	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	58.9	107,107	256,945	1,506,188	3,855	3,600
2003	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
2004	2,477,573	3,561,522	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.5	104,581	249,553	1,592,095	3,965	3,775
Jan-03	182,091	182,462	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.1	1,525	14,300	129,817	292	289
Feb-03	166,881	210,112	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.3	4,125	23,500	130,725	277	240
Mar-03	171,047	203,096	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.8	18,947	23,200	123,684	314	274
Apr-03	183,054	195,417	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.7	9,239	14,790	120,307	244	203
May-03	234,763	286,647	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.2	13,589	19,050	120,528	299	200
Jun-03	265,979	395,933	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,769	20,100	117,476	366	249
Jul-03	300,416	561,027	861,443	163,394	1,024,837	71.2	1,530	2,490	118,583	453	314
Aug-03	321,846	625,664	947,510	171,241	1,118,751	79.2	828	20,000	125,069	482	375
Sep-03	236,533	315,978	552,511	137,493	690,004	66.8	10,223	20,400	119,955	321	312
Oct-03	178,405	193,284	371,689	82,542	454,231	56.7	29,509	27,754	125,348	248	276
Nov-03	172,458	161,031	333,489	59,676	393,165	48.1	8,557	10,804	125,557	233	229
Dec-03	167,223	226,093	393,316	87,208	480,524	43.9	834	1,000	129,633	285	279
Jan-04	152,888	161,360	314,248	72,760	387,008	45.2	1,872	8,678	130,058	289	295
Feb-04	160,414	195,702	356,116	71,414	427,530	55.3	16,716	10,940	130,223	286	249
Mar-04	171,802	205,608	377,410	78,220	455,630	61.1	12,755	57,100	129,170	320	280
Apr-04	180,945	210,875	391,820	87,463	479,283	60.9	4,842	37,000	132,950	291	271
May-04	233,539	290,863	524,402	139,800	664,202	64.9	12,522	32,400	130,717	320	319
Jun-04	278,468	397,347	675,815	169,481	845,296	69.6	10,923	17,009	132,953	373	355
Jul-04	295,574	594,325	889,899	206,851	1,096,750	76.7	4,582	7,200	134,137	453	397
Aug-04	282,366	564,277	846,643	181,621	1,028,264	77.7	2,800	12,500	129,497	474	421
Sep-04	225,481	362,227	587,708	159,323	747,031	72.3	6,272	20,760	135,124	345	358
Oct-04	175,080	190,329	365,409	94,030	459,439	58.7	26,572	13,800	133,177	265	302
Nov-04	160,437	156,051	316,488	59,092	375,580	49.3	3,524	7,866	135,138	248	238
Dec-04	160,579	232,558	393,137	88,599	481,736	46.6	1,201	24,300	138,952	299	290
Jan-05	131,560	156,325	287,885	72,030	359,915	45.3	3,655	11,800	135,286	314	307
Feb-05	146,726	187,966	334,692	75,675	410,367	57.6	6,517	9,300	136,391	288	265
Mar-05	155,995	190,677	346,672	90,157	436,829	61.8	6,628	42,375	135,617	349	297
Apr-05	164,877	197,123	362,000	88,017	450,017	63.8	11,766	21,400	134,978	298	302
May-05	223,119	285,885	509,004	148,381	657,385	68.5	12,320	17,115	139,268	346	338
Jun-05	272,179	394,299	666,478	176,756	843,234	73.0	3,873	65,280	-	376	369
Jul-05	285,047	585,978	871,025	216,706	1,087,731	78.7	10,350	-	-	461	423
Aug-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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% change	-6.4	-2.8	-4.3	5.1	-2.5	3.5	-14.2	2.5	4.4	4.3	6.2
Last 12 months	2,383,446	3,503,695	5,887,141	1,450,387	7,337,528	62.8	95,478	253,696	1,620,518	4,064	3,909
Previous 12	2,550,095	3,578,130	6,128,225	1,364,149	7,492,374	60.7	114,163	245,575	1,514,739	3,902	3,638
% change	-6.5	-2.1	-3.9	6.3	-2.1	3.4	-16.4	3.3	7.0	4.2	7.4
% ch. year ago	-3.6	-1.4	-2.1	4.8	-0.8	2.6	125.9	283.8	6.5	1.7	6.6
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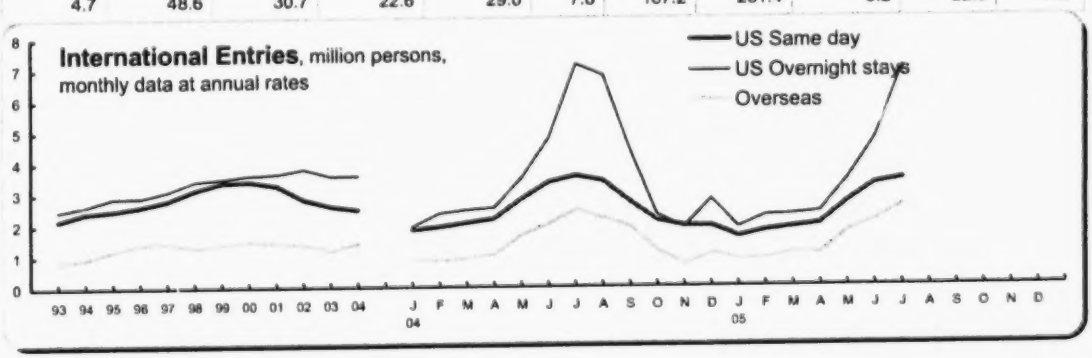

14 Money and Markets

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	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
					Conventional Mortgage				
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Five year Rate	One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000			%			$ Can	1992=100
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	87.04
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	92.47
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	9,021.5	6,983.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
Jul-03	9,233.8	7,257.9	3.25	4.75	6.20	4.55	1.04	1.3815	88.16
Aug-03	9,415.8	7,510.3	3.25	4.75	6.35	4.55	1.00	1.3957	87.40
Sep-03	9,275.1	7,421.1	3.00	4.50	6.30	4.55	1.00	1.3632	89.23
Oct-03	9,801.1	7,772.7	3.00	4.50	6.40	4.55	1.00	1.3218	91.48
Nov-03	9,782.5	7,859.4	3.00	4.50	6.50	4.75	0.99	1.3126	92.09
Dec-03	10,453.9	8,220.9	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.75	0.96	1.3128	91.65
Jan-04	10,488.1	8,521.4	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.30	1.02	1.2960	92.54
Feb-04	10,583.9	8,788.5	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.30	1.00	1.3290	90.19
Mar-04	10,357.7	8,585.9	2.50	4.00	5.70	4.30	1.01	1.3284	90.55
Apr-04	10,225.6	8,244.0	2.25	3.75	6.15	4.45	1.00	1.3425	89.74
May-04	10,188.5	8,417.3	2.25	3.75	6.50	4.55	0.99	1.3783	87.57
Jun-04	10,435.5	8,545.6	2.25	3.75	6.70	4.70	1.11	1.3577	88.68
Jul-04	10,139.7	8,458.1	2.25	3.75	6.55	4.60	1.26	1.3219	91.00
Aug-04	10,173.9	8,377.0	2.25	3.75	6.30	4.40	1.51	1.3118	91.80
Sep-04	10,080.3	8,668.3	2.50	4.00	6.30	4.80	1.76	1.2878	93.52
Oct-04	10,027.5	8,871.0	2.75	4.25	6.40	4.90	1.74	1.2469	96.36
Nov-04	10,428.0	9,030.1	2.75	4.25	6.30	5.00	2.00	1.1961	99.92
Dec-04	10,783.0	9,246.7	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2191	97.74
Jan-05	10,489.9	9,204.1	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2253	97.41
Feb-05	10,766.2	9,668.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.52	1.2397	96.40
Mar-05	10,503.8	9,612.4	2.75	4.25	6.25	5.05	2.77	1.2161	98.17
Apr-05	10,192.5	9,369.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.90	2.74	1.2360	96.82
May-05	10,467.5	9,607.3	2.75	4.25	5.95	4.85	3.01	1.2555	95.45
Jun-05	10,275.0	9,902.8	2.75	4.25	5.70	4.75	3.11	1.2402	97.06
Jul-05	10,640.9	10,422.9	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.90	3.26	1.2227	98.76
Aug-05	10,481.6	10,668.9	2.75	4.25	5.80	5.00	3.55	1.2040	100.02
Sep-05	-	-	3.00	4.50	5.80	5.00	-	1.1776	102.32
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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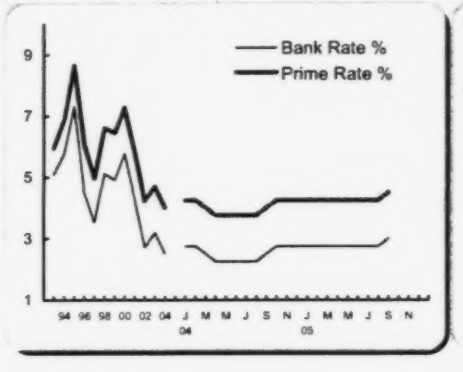
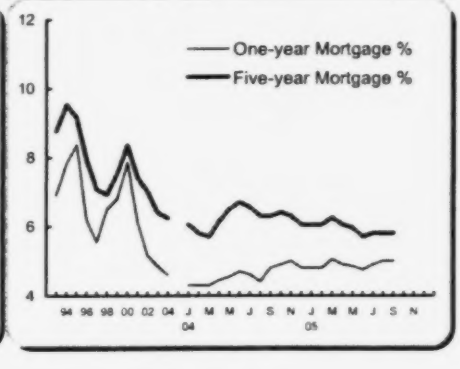
% change	1.5	15.5	14.9	9.2	-4.6	9.0	161.0	-7.8	8.2
Last 12 months	10,428.0	9,522.7	2.77	4.27	6.02	4.90	2.58	1.2233	98.04
Previous 12	10,158.8	8,267.7	2.56	4.06	6.28	4.54	1.07	1.3250	90.90
% change	2.7	15.2	8.1	5.1	-4.2	7.9	141.2	-7.7	7.8
% ch. year ago	3.0	27.4	20.0	12.5	-7.9	4.2	135.1	-8.6	9.4
% ch prev mnth	-1.5	2.4	9.1	5.9	0.0	0.0	8.9	-2.2	2.3





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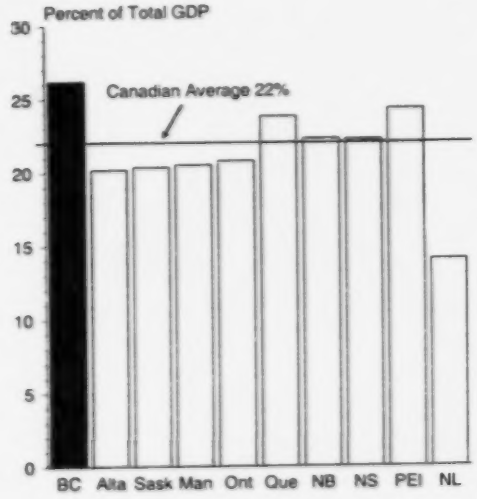
Small Business Plays a Large Role in BC's Economy[1]

The small business sector is a key instrument of job creation and economic growth in British Columbia. It is the primary source of private sector jobs in the province, reflecting an ongoing trend toward economic diversification. It is also a vital source of innovation: approximately 95% of high technology businesses in BC are small businesses.

Among the provinces, the importance of small business is most acute in British Columbia. In 2004, approximately 26% of the province's GDP was generated by the small business sector. This was the highest rate of contribution of any province and well above the national rate of 22%.

BC ranked first among the provinces in terms of proportion of GDP generated by small business



A business is defined as a small business if it is either:

- **A business with fewer than 50 employees**
- **A business operated by a self-employed person with no paid help**

Small business keeps growing in BC

There were a total of 363,000 businesses operating in British Columbia in 2004, of which 98% (355,600) were small businesses. Of these, well over half (56%) were operated by self-employed individuals with no paid employees. The total number of small businesses operating in the province increased for the third consecutive year in 2004, edging up 0.5% from 2003. A boost in the number of self-employed entrepreneurs working alone (+1.1%) was responsible for the increase as the number of businesses with employees actually dipped 0.2%, marking the first time in at least 15 years that there has been a drop in the number of small businesses with employees.

Over the last decade, BC has led the country in terms of growth in the number of small businesses. Between 1994 and 2004, the count of small businesses in the province climbed 25.0%, well above the national average of 14.8% growth. The only other provinces to exceed the Canadian average were Ontario, with a 21.8% rise in the number of small businesses and Alberta, where the small business count jumped 15.5%.

[1] This article is a summary of a larger publication entitled "Small Business Profile 2005," which is available online at http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/bus_stat/busind/sm_bus/SBP2005.pdf

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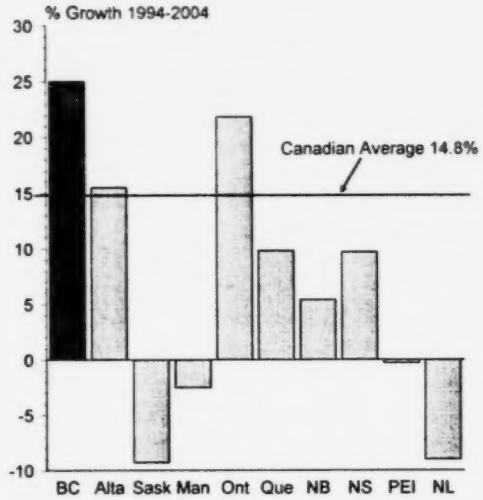
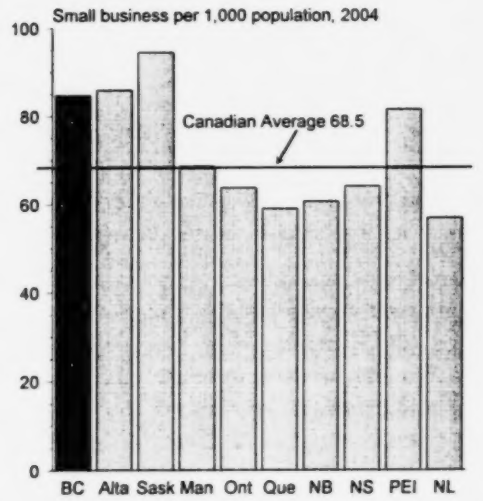


Small business bigger in the West

There is a much higher prevalence of small businesses in Western Canada compared to the rest of the country, at least in terms of businesses per capita. In 2004, BC ranked third among the provinces with 84.7 small businesses per 1,000 people.

Western Canada generally has more small businesses per capita



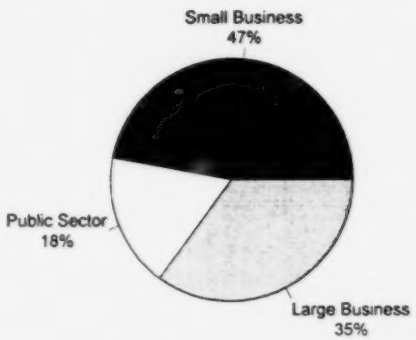
Only Saskatchewan (94.4) and Alberta (85.9) had more small businesses relative to their populations. The only other provinces exceeding the Canadian average of 68.5 small businesses per 1,000 people were PEI (81.5) and, marginally, Manitoba (68.6).

Almost half of working people in BC work in small business

Small businesses can be found in a wide spectrum of activities ranging from "mom and pop" corner stores to self-employed computer programmers to small lumber milling operations, just to name a few. Almost three-quarters of all businesses in the province are in the service sector, with small businesses only slightly more likely to be providing a service compared to large businesses.

This diverse small business sector employs almost half of all working British Columbians. In 2004, there were 971,000 people employed by the small business sector in BC, or 47% of total employment. Excluding the public sector from the calculation, small business accounted for 57% of all private sector jobs in the province, ranking BC second among the provinces, marginally behind Saskatchewan by one-tenth of a percentage point. By comparison, only 50% of private sector employment in Canada as a whole was supplied by small business. Ontario, with less than 46%, had the least dependence on small business for private sector employment.

Almost half of all jobs in BC were in small business in 2004



Small business employment in BC climbed 3.3% in 2004, marking the third straight year of growth, following on the heels of two years of declines. Both employees of small businesses and self-employed individuals have contributed to the expansion in employment in the last few years. BC's small business employment growth was well above the national average of 1.9% and ranked second only to Newfoundland and Labrador, which saw 4.3% growth in small business employment.

The Northeast region leads the province in small business growth

Within the province, the Northeast region has had the strongest economic growth in recent years, mainly as a result of activity in the oil and gas sector, and this has been reflected in rising numbers of small businesses and small business employment within the area. Between 1999 and 2004, the number of small businesses in the Northeast region grew at an average annual rate of 5.4%, by far the fastest increase in the province. In fact, Kootenay (+1.5%) and Mainland/Southwest (+0.6%) were the only other regions in the province to experience growth in the number of small businesses. Provincially, there was an average annual drop of 0.2% in the number of small businesses over this five-year period.

The Northeast was also among the top regions in terms of expansion in self-employment. The 16.7% jump in the number of self-employed from 1999 to 2004 in the Northeast region was second only to Thompson-Okanagan (+17.9%). On the opposite end of the scale, Vancouver Island/Coast saw a 19.2% fall in self-employment in the five-year period. Cariboo (-13.3%) also had a double-digit decline in the number of self-employed. The provincial average was a 1.0% drop over the period.

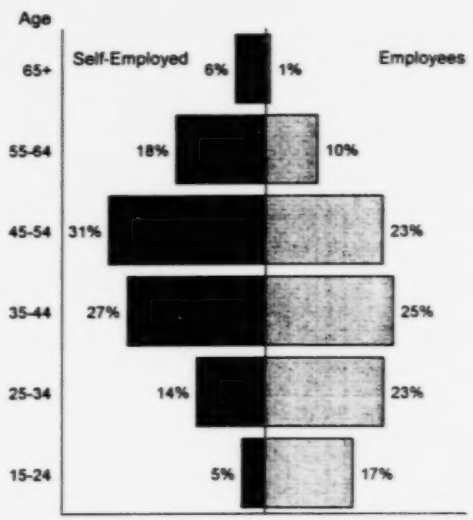
Self-employment has grown

Although the number of self-employed dipped through the early part of the decade, a longer-term view shows that there has been a trend toward increasing self-employment, particularly self-employed without paid help. The number of self-employed *without* paid help was more than double that of self-employed *with* paid help in 2004, which is a substantial transformation from a decade earlier when the margin between the two groups was much smaller. The rapid growth in self-employed working alone is not a phenomenon unique to BC. The same pattern is evident throughout the country and even around the world.

Self-employed have a different profile compared to employees

The average self-employed person in British Columbia tends to be older than the average employee. Well over half (58%) of the self-employed are between the ages of 35 and 54, compared to only 48% of employees. While 40% of employees are under the age of 35, only 19% of self-employed business owners fit this description. At the other end of the scale, 24% of entrepreneurs are 55 and over compared to only 11% of employees.

Self-employed workers in BC tend to be older on average



Almost two-thirds (65%) of the self-employed in BC in 2004 were men. By com-

parison, employees were equally likely to be men or women. Nevertheless, BC had a higher percentage of self-employed who were women (35%) compared to the national average (34%).

Another difference between the self-employed and employees is in terms of hours worked. The average work week for a self-employed person in BC was 40.1 hours in 2004, compared to 34.9 hours for all employees.

In British Columbia, the self-employed comprised just under 19% of total employment. Only Saskatchewan (20%) had a higher proportion of self-employed workers than BC in 2004. The lowest proportion of self-employed was in New Brunswick, at 12%, while the Canadian average was just over 15%.

With BC at or near the top rank among the provinces in categories such as small business employment (including self-employment), growth of small businesses and output generated by the small business sector (GDP), it is clear that small businesses are a vital component of the province's economy.

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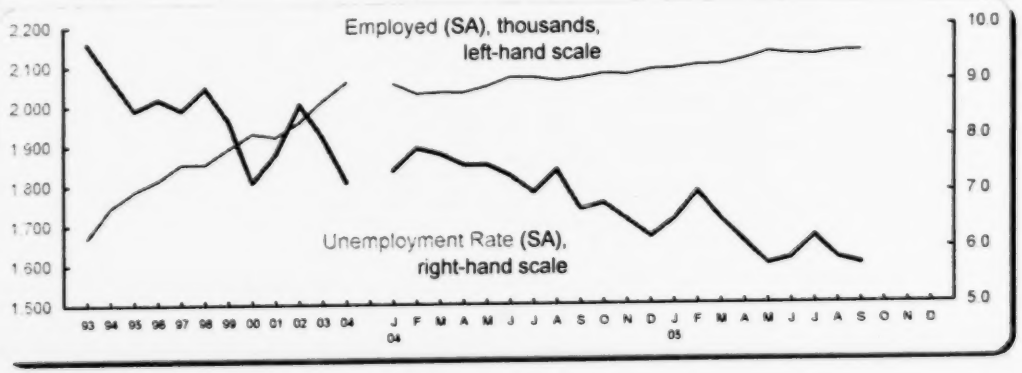
Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted
Ave: average
bd ft: board feet
C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen
Can: Canada, Canadian
GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9
m3: cubic metres
mil: million
MLS: Multiple Listing Service
Moly: molybdenum
mth: month (as in: previous mth)
NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System
SA: seasonally adjusted
T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange
US: United States of America
WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada

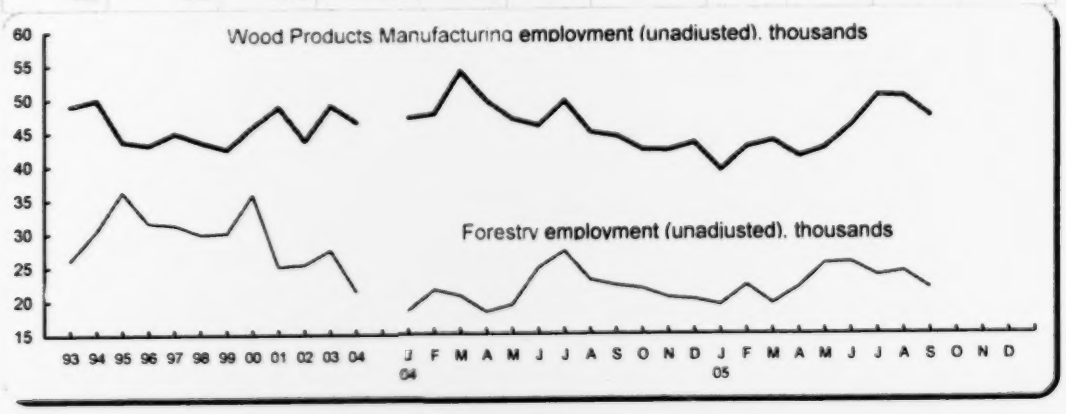
Period	Labour Force Activity: Labour Force	Labour Force Activity: Employed	Labour Force Activity: Unemployment Rate	Labour Force Activity: Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Earnings: Wages and Salaries	Earnings: Average Weekly Wage Rate	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: Number of Beneficiaries	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: $
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA	Unadjusted		
2001	2,082.3	1,922.1	7.7	64.0	32.2	61,495.9	648.13	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,143.8	1,960.1	8.6	65.0	32.0	63,192.7	668.15	817,850	1,073,203.5
2003	2,190.5	2,014.2	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,310.1	683.82	813,520	1,059,531.1
2004	2,219.2	2,059.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	68,101.6	686.61	737,780	960,359.7
Jan-03	2,153.1	1,981.9	8.0	64.8	32.3	5,427.1	682.07	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,169.1	1,994.0	8.1	65.3	32.7	5,416.9	681.94	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,181.1	2,013.2	7.7	65.6	32.8	5,394.7	681.83	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,183.5	2,008.8	8.0	65.5	28.9	5,405.2	679.75	71,440	86,968.3
May-03	2,183.0	1,998.9	8.4	65.5	33.2	5,402.8	684.26	66,040	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,175.2	1,999.8	8.1	65.2	33.6	5,402.5	686.74	60,670	89,008.4
Jul-03	2,196.6	2,009.1	8.5	65.7	31.6	5,436.7	685.72	64,540	75,483.9
Aug-03	2,193.9	2,011.8	8.3	65.6	30.5	5,430.6	687.79	67,120	83,006.1
Sep-03	2,209.6	2,013.3	8.9	65.9	33.3	5,482.5	690.66	54,170	87,528.0
Oct-03	2,213.8	2,041.4	7.8	66.0	29.7	5,500.8	683.81	58,550	66,990.2
Nov-03	2,209.2	2,037.7	7.8	65.8	29.6	5,492.9	682.56	65,750	86,669.7
Dec-03	2,215.0	2,057.1	7.1	65.9	32.9	5,517.3	678.46	73,050	92,179.5
Jan-04	2,220.2	2,054.9	7.4	66.0	32.4	5,554.2	678.67	81,270	102,257.2
Feb-04	2,202.0	2,030.1	7.8	65.4	33.4	5,595.3	685.65	76,980	109,369.0
Mar-04	2,203.6	2,033.5	7.7	65.3	31.5	5,618.3	677.70	72,950	94,275.5
Apr-04	2,199.1	2,033.2	7.5	65.1	31.1	5,647.0	676.04	65,970	79,729.2
May-04	2,214.6	2,048.3	7.5	65.5	33.4	5,642.0	673.81	59,490	87,371.7
Jun-04	2,234.1	2,071.1	7.3	66.0	33.9	5,672.6	678.14	52,460	65,468.6
Jul-04	2,226.3	2,070.3	7.0	65.6	32.1	5,690.2	680.96	52,750	61,242.0
Aug-04	2,227.6	2,062.1	7.4	65.6	31.0	5,696.5	688.27	58,430	85,782.8
Sep-04	2,218.7	2,069.5	6.7	65.2	34.1	5,705.5	697.88	46,790	61,903.3
Oct-04	2,231.2	2,079.4	6.8	65.5	30.2	5,729.8	704.09	49,490	62,134.7
Nov-04	2,220.9	2,076.8	6.5	65.1	30.6	5,733.1	700.51	57,360	73,706.0
Dec-04	2,228.2	2,089.5	6.2	65.3	33.7	5,817.1	696.56	63,840	77,119.8
Jan-05	2,236.9	2,091.7	6.5	65.4	32.9	5,779.5	708.09	73,320	105,871.9
Feb-05	2,258.1	2,099.8	7.0	66.0	33.9	5,850.4	704.90	68,190	84,184.6
Mar-05	2,248.2	2,101.0	6.5	65.6	33.8	5,875.3	698.01	62,300	78,729.6
Apr-05	2,251.0	2,114.3	6.1	65.6	34.1	5,942.7	700.56	57,820	71,114.1
May-05	2,261.4	2,132.0	5.7	65.7	33.8	5,960.6	698.81	51,210	77,672.4
Jun-05	2,256.7	2,126.2	5.8	65.5	33.8	6,007.7	700.73	45,380	56,027.3
Jul-05	2,265.6	2,125.2	6.2	65.7	31.8	-	698.02	43,390	51,783.5
Aug-05	2,264.9	2,132.9	5.8	65.5	30.9	-	702.66	51,420	76,240.4
Sep-05	2,262.5	2,134.5	5.7	65.3	33.6	-	709.12	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,256.1	a 2,117.5	a 6.1	a 65.6	a 33.2	t 35,416.1	a 702.32	a 56,629	t 601.6
% change	1.8	3.2	n/a	n/a	1.9	5.0	3.0	-12.9	-12.2
Last 12 months	2,248.8	2,108.6	6.2	65.5	32.8	69,788.4	701.84	55,876	876,487.6
Previous 12	2,215.4	2,050.8	7.4	65.6	32.1	66,590.2	681.83	64,318	1,018,863.2
% change	1.5	2.8	n/a	n/a	2.1	4.8	2.9	-13.1	-14.0
% ch. year ago	2.0	3.1	n/a	n/a	-1.5	5.9	1.6	-12.0	-11.1
% ch. prev mnth	-0.1	0.1	n/a	n/a	8.7	0.8	0.9	18.5	47.2



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

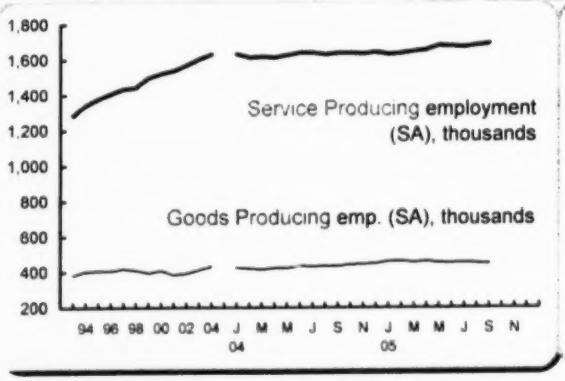
	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
	Thousands of persons										
Period	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2001	383.9	25.8	25.1	4.8	11.4	10.9	110.8	22.1	48.8	15.0	195.1
2002	392.3	29.6	25.4	3.1	9.2	11.3	117.4	23.6	43.8	17.0	196.4
2003	411.7	32.3	27.5	4.5	13.2	11.1	117.4	27.0	49.0	14.4	205.7
2004	431.0	36.7	21.4	2.9	11.0	9.0	141.7	25.3	46.5	11.9	208.4
Jan-03	404.6	31.6	27.8	5.2	7.4	11.3	115.1	24.6	45.5	17.9	202.6
Feb-03	409.7	33.1	27.7	3.7	11.5	12.0	115.8	25.5	50.1	15.4	204.1
Mar-03	424.4	34.7	27.2	3.8	14.7	12.6	121.5	22.2	51.4	15.5	208.2
Apr-03	408.9	32.4	26.0	1.9	13.8	11.6	110.3	24.0	50.3	14.6	206.8
May-03	413.9	31.9	26.2	2.4	18.0	11.3	113.9	24.5	53.4	14.7	208.6
Jun-03	411.3	30.5	28.6	4.5	14.5	11.1	116.3	25.3	51.8	17.0	206.3
Jul-03	412.4	31.2	32.9	4.2	15.7	10.6	117.7	26.5	50.2	16.1	205.4
Aug-03	408.0	32.2	27.7	6.2	11.3	10.8	117.1	28.9	46.5	15.2	206.3
Sep-03	407.6	31.4	28.9	5.6	12.7	10.8	116.9	27.6	43.9	12.7	203.8
Oct-03	415.6	31.9	28.1	6.5	15.1	10.9	119.8	32.3	48.5	12.9	206.3
Nov-03	413.8	35.1	25.4	6.3	10.5	10.8	121.3	30.8	50.2	11.4	204.5
Dec-03	411.3	32.8	23.3	3.8	12.7	9.4	122.4	31.8	46.5	9.5	206.1
Jan-04	425.2	35.6	18.5	5.0	10.8	9.2	131.8	36.3	47.2	10.5	211.3
Feb-04	419.6	36.5	21.5	3.2	11.1	8.3	126.4	27.6	47.7	10.9	211.0
Mar-04	415.6	35.3	20.6	3.0	8.9	9.4	131.2	24.3	54.0	9.4	205.9
Apr-04	422.7	37.0	18.2	2.7	8.4	10.0	134.6	23.7	49.6	10.3	207.5
May-04	423.0	39.3	19.2	3.5	10.2	10.4	134.0	22.6	46.9	14.2	205.3
Jun-04	433.2	39.3	24.7	2.9	10.1	10.4	141.1	21.7	45.9	14.5	205.2
Jul-04	431.5	37.1	27.2	2.5	9.8	9.1	140.5	18.5	49.6	13.4	209.5
Aug-04	433.3	36.1	22.9	3.6	10.5	10.1	143.2	22.1	44.9	11.8	209.6
Sep-04	432.7	33.3	22.1	2.5	11.0	8.5	148.3	22.2	44.3	11.3	208.9
Oct-04	442.6	37.4	21.6	2.4	13.0	8.0	153.7	26.8	42.3	12.7	208.7
Nov-04	443.8	35.4	20.3	1.6	13.3	7.1	155.6	29.3	42.2	11.2	210.5
Dec-04	448.1	38.8	20.0	2.6	14.9	7.5	156.8	28.4	43.3	13.2	208.2
Jan-05	460.4	40.6	19.2	-	13.8	8.0	166.2	33.0	39.2	12.5	208.8
Feb-05	463.1	41.8	22.1	1.6	12.6	9.3	168.9	33.2	42.7	12.5	205.6
Mar-05	454.0	41.3	19.4	-	14.5	10.1	168.2	30.2	43.6	12.9	198.5
Apr-05	459.9	42.6	21.8	-	12.0	10.3	173.0	26.7	41.2	13.8	194.1
May-05	452.7	38.8	25.3	3.0	12.5	12.8	166.0	27.4	42.5	13.7	193.6
Jun-05	450.3	40.7	25.5	4.9	12.9	13.3	164.0	24.7	45.8	11.0	190.4
Jul-05	454.2	43.2	23.5	2.1	14.3	12.8	164.0	30.4	50.3	12.3	198.8
Aug-05	451.5	39.1	24.1	1.7	14.6	11.6	168.7	27.5	50.1	12.8	194.4
Sep-05	446.1	35.4	21.6	1.7	13.6	11.0	166.7	23.3	47.2	9.7	197.3
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 454.7	a 40.4	a 22.5	a 1.7	a 13.4	a 11.0	a 167.3	a 28.5	a 44.7	a 12.4	a 197.9
% change	6.7	10.3	3.9	-48.1	33.0	16.2	22.3	17.1	-6.4	4.6	-4.9
Last 12 months	452.2	39.6	22.0	1.8	13.5	10.2	164.3	28.4	44.2	12.4	200.7
Previous 12	423.1	35.8	22.6	3.8	10.8	9.7	132.9	26.2	47.9	11.7	207.6
% change	6.9	10.7	-2.7	-52.5	25.5	4.5	23.7	8.6	-7.8	5.9	-3.3
% ch. year ago	3.1	6.3	-2.3	-32.0	23.6	29.4	12.4	5.0	6.5	-14.2	-5.6
% ch prev mnth	-1.2	-9.5	-10.4	0.0	-6.8	-5.2	-1.2	-15.3	-5.8	-24.2	1.5

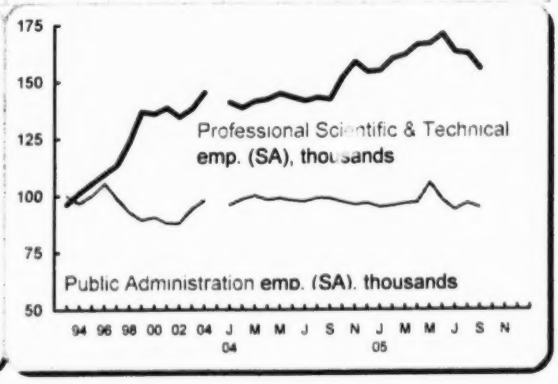


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2001	1,538.2	304.0	112.6	122.1	138.6	138.4	197.9	105.3	164.2	88.0
2002	1,567.9	323.4	112.2	125.7	134.5	137.5	211.6	105.8	162.4	87.8
2003	1,602.5	329.5	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.4	213.5	107.1	161.9	94.1
2004	1,628.7	320.6	117.7	131.5	145.2	135.1	219.5	111.4	174.8	97.9
Jan-03	1,577.3	338.8	117.3	128.7	130.5	142.9	206.0	101.2	157.3	89.0
Feb-03	1,584.3	333.3	117.8	128.8	130.5	144.5	213.5	100.5	156.4	93.2
Mar-03	1,588.8	328.3	120.4	128.1	134.4	146.9	211.6	101.3	159.7	88.4
Apr-03	1,600.0	332.1	120.6	129.9	134.0	141.8	215.4	106.6	157.3	89.1
May-03	1,585.0	325.3	120.9	122.9	131.9	141.1	215.1	110.1	156.6	90.3
Jun-03	1,588.5	326.0	115.9	126.8	134.2	137.0	216.9	107.5	159.5	94.4
Jul-03	1,596.7	324.5	113.8	124.4	141.4	140.3	214.1	109.3	160.8	97.8
Aug-03	1,603.8	325.4	119.1	122.9	145.3	140.3	210.3	107.4	165.3	94.1
Sep-03	1,605.7	331.4	114.4	123.9	143.7	131.9	211.2	112.2	167.5	96.0
Oct-03	1,625.9	330.9	117.4	125.4	145.0	140.8	213.6	108.9	166.6	99.6
Nov-03	1,623.9	328.3	119.9	127.2	143.2	136.9	214.5	108.1	166.5	98.4
Dec-03	1,645.8	328.5	123.5	126.4	143.8	139.3	220.0	110.7	169.3	97.4
Jan-04	1,629.8	339.6	119.7	128.2	140.8	138.7	215.6	109.1	163.6	95.9
Feb-04	1,610.6	325.5	116.3	124.4	138.5	137.3	212.5	111.7	168.3	98.6
Mar-04	1,617.9	331.2	112.9	129.8	141.5	132.4	220.7	108.3	168.3	100.1
Apr-04	1,610.4	320.0	117.0	131.7	142.4	132.4	218.6	105.4	173.3	98.3
May-04	1,625.3	322.8	117.9	131.8	144.8	136.9	217.2	104.7	170.7	98.9
Jun-04	1,637.9	321.3	123.1	129.9	143.0	137.0	224.4	112.3	176.5	97.9
Jul-04	1,638.9	324.6	124.4	127.9	141.5	134.9	221.6	113.0	177.7	97.6
Aug-04	1,628.8	316.4	118.3	138.5	143.0	128.1	218.5	116.6	177.0	99.0
Sep-04	1,636.7	314.2	118.0	132.3	142.2	138.6	226.3	115.1	178.2	98.8
Oct-04	1,636.8	311.4	118.3	134.3	152.0	135.0	217.7	115.7	179.4	97.3
Nov-04	1,633.0	310.3	113.3	133.1	158.5	136.2	218.4	111.4	181.6	96.0
Dec-04	1,641.3	311.9	113.0	136.1	154.3	133.2	222.7	112.8	182.7	96.7
Jan-05	1,631.2	318.8	115.0	131.0	154.8	134.1	215.6	109.5	178.4	95.0
Feb-05	1,636.8	322.4	114.5	133.2	160.1	138.5	216.3	105.3	166.0	95.6
Mar-05	1,647.0	327.6	114.9	139.9	161.9	138.7	212.6	98.6	166.9	96.6
Apr-05	1,654.3	322.3	111.5	136.5	166.3	146.2	210.5	99.7	178.1	96.9
May-05	1,679.2	328.9	118.3	139.6	166.6	148.6	205.2	97.0	180.1	105.6
Jun-05	1,675.9	322.2	116.7	143.2	170.8	152.6	204.9	107.9	174.7	98.2
Jul-05	1,670.9	321.6	125.8	139.3	163.0	155.3	208.6	104.0	180.6	93.8
Aug-05	1,681.4	333.8	123.2	137.9	162.3	152.7	215.5	103.2	175.4	96.7
Sep-05	1,688.5	342.1	127.7	129.5	155.6	152.3	217.1	115.3	177.4	94.7
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,662.8	a 326.6	a 118.6	a 136.7	a 162.4	a 146.6	a 211.8	a 104.5	a 175.3	a 97.0
% change	2.2	0.8	0.0	4.7	14.4	8.4	-3.5	-5.6	1.5	-1.4
Last 12 months	1,656.4	322.8	117.7	136.1	160.5	143.6	213.8	106.7	176.8	96.9
Previous 12	1,627.7	325.3	119.0	129.5	142.5	136.1	218.6	110.3	171.3	98.4
% change	1.8	-0.8	-1.1	5.2	12.7	5.5	-2.2	-3.3	3.2	-1.5
% ch. year ago	3.2	8.9	8.2	-2.1	9.4	9.9	-4.1	0.2	-0.4	-4.1
% ch prev mnth	0.4	2.5	3.7	-6.1	-4.1	-0.3	0.7	11.7	1.1	-2.1

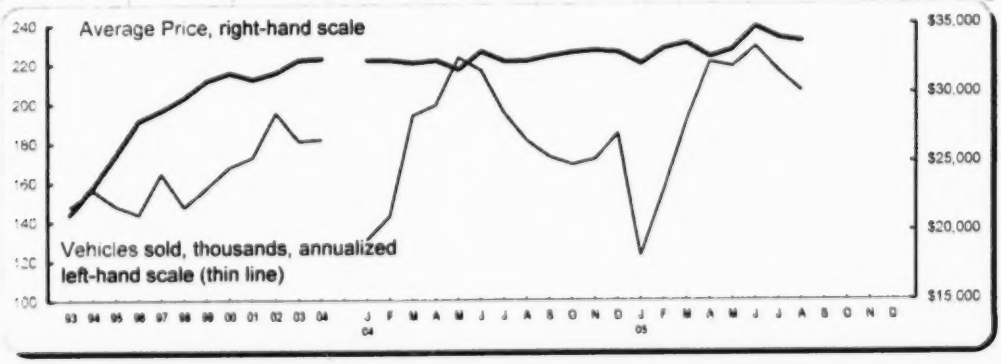




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada

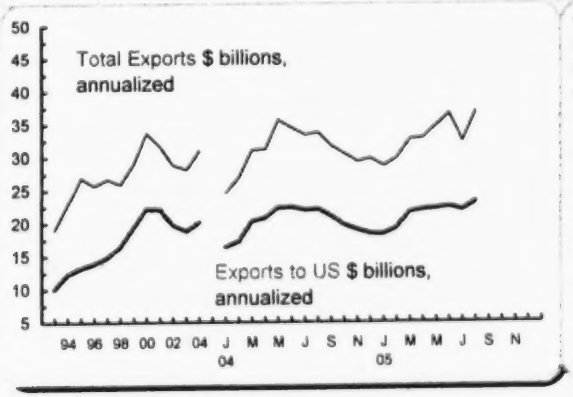
	Business				Consumer				
		Business	Bankruptcies Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada		Consumer	Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Incorpora-tions	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2001	35,884.7	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	40,718.9	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	38,467.9	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	43,265.0	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
2003	39,910.7	23,243	1,002	9,385	120.4	44,421.0	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
2004	43,856.9	25,428	922	8,378	122.8	47,216.6	2,750.8	181,605	5,907,610
Jan-03	3,478.7	2,122	101	731	119.0	3,695.4	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	3,450.7	1,804	93	857	119.6	3,733.6	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	3,403.0	1,952	103	879	120.6	3,600.8	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	3,264.9	1,844	92	862	120.4	3,635.9	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	3,242.6	1,747	68	761	120.4	3,648.3	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	3,196.9	2,047	93	840	120.2	3,659.9	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	3,229.5	1,837	81	821	120.5	3,688.7	197.8	16,982	546,553
Aug-03	3,193.2	1,818	61	684	120.9	3,809.1	214.1	15,961	516,156
Sep-03	3,306.8	2,056	87	767	121.2	3,726.9	197.6	14,310	482,072
Oct-03	3,320.3	2,023	75	827	120.6	3,711.1	211.5	13,784	455,682
Nov-03	3,390.7	2,050	73	709	120.8	3,747.4	253.9	14,389	460,714
Dec-03	3,433.3	1,943	75	655	120.9	3,764.0	370.8	14,242	471,844
Jan-04	3,396.3	2,115	79	665	120.8	3,780.9	162.3	10,894	353,088
Feb-04	3,391.6	2,015	71	757	121.3	3,790.0	168.7	11,896	385,560
Mar-04	3,496.5	2,045	89	877	121.6	3,895.5	191.2	16,155	520,301
Apr-04	3,624.4	2,109	94	730	122.4	3,901.9	213.5	16,582	537,134
May-04	3,625.7	2,156	73	692	123.4	3,917.2	220.2	18,600	589,843
Jun-04	3,658.3	2,337	75	832	123.6	3,943.1	223.2	18,040	595,439
Jul-04	3,794.5	2,075	68	618	123.4	3,986.5	228.5	16,246	524,992
Aug-04	3,804.1	2,031	74	610	123.3	3,972.2	227.6	15,073	487,328
Sep-04	3,747.8	2,022	57	681	123.5	3,997.9	224.6	14,388	470,545
Oct-04	3,825.7	2,015	79	684	123.5	4,029.0	235.7	14,063	463,546
Nov-04	3,724.6	2,109	81	643	123.7	4,008.3	259.9	14,293	472,926
Dec-04	3,767.4	2,399	81	597	123.5	3,994.2	395.4	15,375	506,908
Jan-05	3,676.7	2,141	52	665	123.6	3,983.5	179.1	10,199	327,696
Feb-05	3,830.7	2,223	70	798	123.8	4,095.6	176.7	12,920	429,511
Mar-05	3,964.6	2,450	74	742	124.1	4,125.5	214.9	15,901	534,497
Apr-05	3,899.0	2,460	64	741	124.9	4,133.5	224.0	18,393	599,968
May-05	3,991.9	2,445	77	739	125.2	4,137.2	230.0	18,206	603,311
Jun-05	3,968.8	2,584	61	707	125.4	4,133.3	226.1	19,041	662,610
Jul-05	3,922.9	2,220	60	628	125.7	4,205.8	235.5	18,002	612,133
Aug-05	4,039.6	2,331	76	647	125.9	4,301.6	233.0	17,153	578,802
Sep-05	-	2,419	-	-	126.5	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 31,294.3	t 21,273	t 534	t 5,667	a 125.0	t 33,116.0	t 1,719.2	t 129,815	t 4,348,528
% change	8.7	12.5	-14.3	-2.0	2.0	6.2	5.1	5.1	8.9
Last 12 months	46,359.8	27,796	832	8,272	124.7	49,145.3	2,834.9	187,934	6,262,453
Previous 12	42,242.5	24,921	933	8,739	122.1	46,136.7	2,669.0	180,211	5,863,997
% change	9.7	11.5	-10.8	-5.3	2.1	6.5	6.2	4.3	6.8
% ch. year ago	6.2	19.6	2.7	6.1	2.4	8.3	2.4	13.8	18.8
% ch. prev mnth	3.0	3.8	26.7	3.0	0.5	2.3	-1.1	-4.7	-5.4

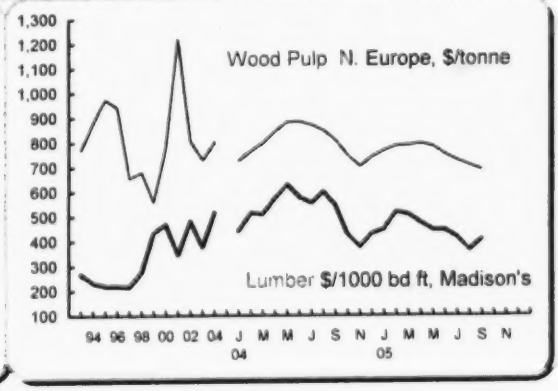


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
2001	31,679.7	22,104.4	4,066.1	31,640.7	344.86	1,218.08	1.11	419.83	6.79	7.45	40.08
2002	28,828.4	19,665.8	3,858.5	31,533.2	480.11	804.60	1.11	486.82	7.23	6.77	40.95
2003	28,191.7	18,792.3	3,649.4	31,263.0	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
2004	31,044.0	20,121.3	3,802.2	32,873.1	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
Jan-03	2,359.4	1,561.5	308.4	2,405.5	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	50.76
Feb-03	2,307.3	1,505.3	302.4	2,454.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	54.25
Mar-03	2,626.8	1,773.7	321.1	2,908.9	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	49.52
Apr-03	2,438.3	1,585.4	346.3	2,843.3	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	41.20
May-03	2,335.0	1,562.6	333.6	2,668.4	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	38.96
Jun-03	2,270.8	1,547.4	282.2	2,669.8	371.87	737.39	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	41.54
Jul-03	2,383.6	1,649.3	310.8	2,527.1	380.61	725.92	1.08	483.25	6.59	0.51	42.50
Aug-03	2,412.8	1,644.6	287.8	2,392.2	437.68	713.99	1.12	502.11	6.98	0.52	44.09
Sep-03	2,395.2	1,623.5	318.0	2,682.3	490.22	706.94	1.10	516.59	7.05	0.50	38.57
Oct-03	2,285.6	1,537.1	276.5	2,839.9	391.27	708.01	1.15	500.75	6.57	0.54	40.09
Nov-03	2,127.0	1,387.9	261.4	2,461.6	397.71	723.23	1.22	511.60	6.80	0.54	40.81
Dec-03	2,249.9	1,414.0	300.9	2,409.4	397.79	733.87	1.31	534.94	7.38	0.58	42.21
Jan-04	2,052.3	1,367.5	247.6	2,149.3	441.93	725.75	1.43	536.18	8.18	0.60	44.41
Feb-04	2,250.5	1,434.6	283.6	2,440.6	515.64	765.48	1.66	538.07	8.56	0.65	46.17
Mar-04	2,591.8	1,689.8	322.3	3,026.2	508.76	798.34	1.81	540.20	9.60	0.66	48.83
Apr-04	2,605.5	1,731.7	279.7	2,682.8	574.57	845.74	1.79	541.36	9.48	0.63	49.25
May-04	2,967.8	1,863.3	390.2	2,945.3	628.52	882.13	1.61	528.97	8.06	0.61	55.52
Jun-04	2,869.3	1,865.2	383.0	2,866.1	577.01	883.84	1.66	532.62	7.96	0.62	51.62
Jul-04	2,783.4	1,829.7	340.5	2,801.2	555.22	871.16	1.69	526.25	8.34	0.59	53.79
Aug-04	2,813.8	1,841.5	349.5	2,828.2	599.48	847.40	1.69	525.31	8.74	0.58	58.95
Sep-04	2,639.2	1,749.3	328.4	2,878.4	543.45	807.45	1.69	521.92	8.24	0.57	59.17
Oct-04	2,544.1	1,639.8	288.1	2,862.5	425.21	745.67	1.70	524.29	8.85	0.60	66.25
Nov-04	2,441.4	1,576.9	275.2	2,877.1	376.76	703.29	1.67	525.54	8.95	0.60	57.96
Dec-04	2,484.9	1,531.9	314.1	2,515.4	430.35	741.22	1.73	538.58	8.66	0.66	52.82
Jan-05	2,369.7	1,527.2	265.4	2,521.8	447.25	767.06	1.76	519.58	8.10	0.69	57.39
Feb-05	2,485.5	1,599.7	303.1	2,674.9	516.94	785.95	1.82	524.69	8.71	0.74	59.47
Mar-05	2,722.9	1,804.5	308.5	3,055.3	507.11	788.03	1.86	528.16	8.83	0.75	66.05
Apr-05	2,744.3	1,836.0	304.5	2,867.4	473.40	794.76	1.90	530.57	8.80	0.73	65.56
May-05	2,898.5	1,852.3	376.8	3,009.7	444.45	783.44	1.85	529.69	8.81	0.70	62.56
Jun-05	3,044.3	1,868.8	405.7	3,072.4	444.00	750.33	1.98	534.11	9.18	0.72	69.77
Jul-05	2,702.4	1,831.4	337.4	2,635.0	413.29	726.31	2.01	518.99	8.57	0.66	71.78
Aug-05	3,068.5	1,929.0	335.6	3,180.8	362.41	706.76	2.07	527.28	8.48	0.71	78.23
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	403.91	687.71	2.06	537.04	8.42	0.74	77.21
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 22,055.9	t 14,249.0	t 2,637.0	t 23,017.4	a 445.86	a 754.48	a 1.92	a 527.79	a 8.66	a 0.72	a 67.56
% change	5.4	4.6	1.6	5.9	-18.8	-8.6	15.2	-0.9	1.0	16.9	30.0
Last 12 months	32,165.6	20,746.9	3,842.8	34,150.7	437.09	748.38	1.87	528.21	8.70	0.69	65.42
Previous 12	29,992.0	19,585.9	3,753.3	32,132.9	510.95	799.37	1.56	528.18	8.16	0.60	49.24
% change	7.2	5.9	2.4	6.3	-14.5	-6.4	19.8	0.0	6.6	15.8	32.9
% ch. year ago	9.1	4.7	-4.0	12.5	-25.7	-14.8	21.9	2.9	2.2	29.8	30.5
% ch prev mnth	13.5	5.3	-0.5	20.7	11.5	-2.7	-0.5	1.9	-0.7	4.2	-1.3

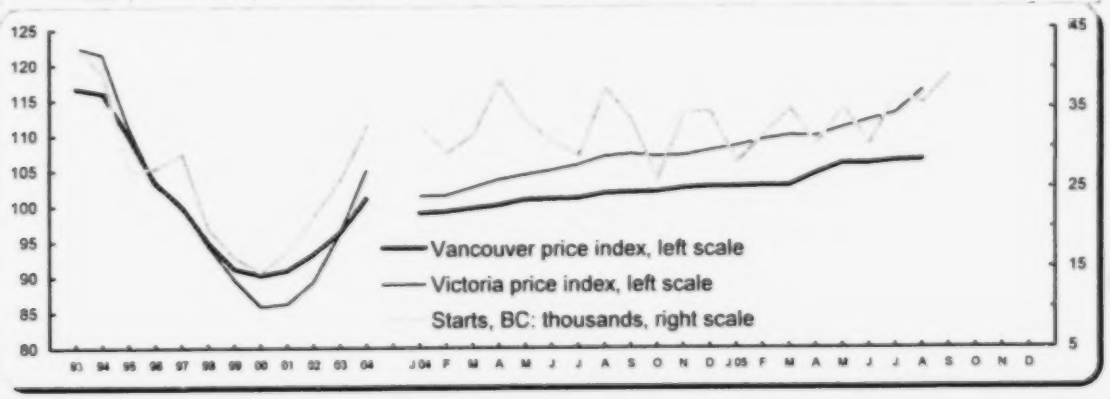




6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

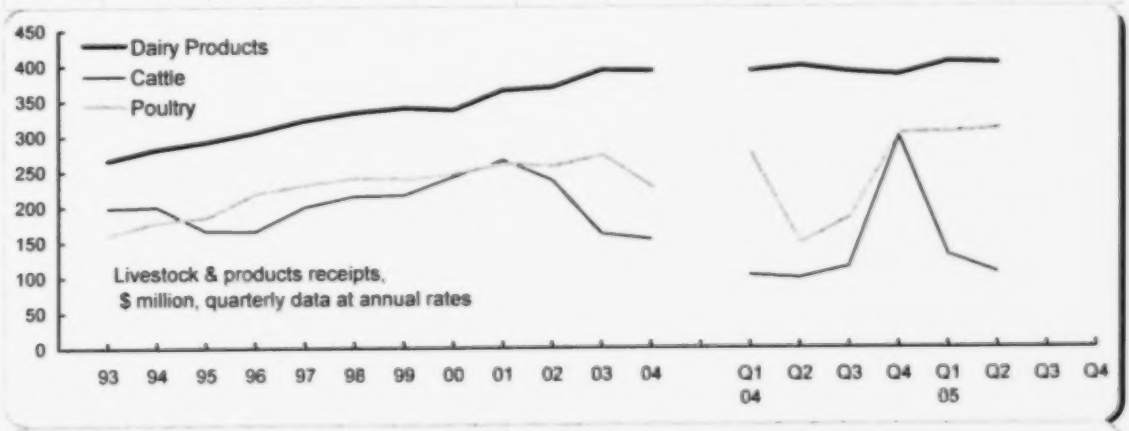
Period	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada)					Housing Starts	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada)		MLS® Average
	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	All Areas	Vancouver	Victoria	Sale Price
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2001	4,954,772	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	90.9	86.2	220,952
2002	5,659,415	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	93.2	89.3	238,758
2003	6,394,238	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
Jan-03	481,441	319,116	18,846	107,332	36,147	19.2	94.2	91.6	242,202
Feb-03	399,519	282,881	11,044	73,104	32,490	26.0	95.0	92.2	252,186
Mar-03	536,734	419,344	10,789	79,820	26,781	24.8	95.3	92.8	252,979
Apr-03	521,648	331,637	36,824	98,387	54,800	24.2	95.6	93.9	250,071
May-03	498,262	359,113	13,091	98,525	27,533	20.9	96.4	94.2	250,522
Jun-03	479,935	342,127	16,070	84,186	37,552	22.8	96.5	95.7	256,107
Jul-03	592,734	384,395	35,241	107,044	66,054	30.2	96.7	96.8	255,162
Aug-03	517,403	365,844	16,783	92,399	42,377	27.3	96.5	98.1	264,008
Sep-03	712,974	485,325	23,417	108,930	95,302	31.9	96.6	98.7	267,870
Oct-03	532,720	392,589	30,595	82,263	27,273	33.7	97.1	99.7	271,750
Nov-03	530,766	373,473	20,284	110,006	27,003	26.4	97.5	100.4	278,780
Dec-03	590,101	458,338	11,040	87,629	33,094	27.2	97.6	100.9	276,371
Jan-04	640,322	473,262	6,975	137,537	22,548	32.8	99.0	101.4	274,852
Feb-04	625,773	492,787	24,844	98,213	9,929	29.5	99.2	101.5	282,348
Mar-04	575,877	435,899	15,345	96,286	28,347	31.8	99.7	102.6	286,844
Apr-04	586,608	459,848	13,719	93,903	19,138	38.5	100.1	103.7	291,398
May-04	579,501	441,574	17,612	84,062	36,253	33.6	100.9	104.4	289,975
Jun-04	1,028,549	775,697	48,218	142,886	61,748	30.9	101.0	105.0	287,158
Jul-04	607,230	440,474	27,024	68,784	70,948	29.1	101.1	105.8	281,604
Aug-04	608,297	412,654	37,720	118,517	39,406	37.6	101.8	107.0	285,140
Sep-04	716,017	550,565	28,060	101,576	35,816	33.6	101.9	107.3	287,547
Oct-04	531,157	422,713	14,598	78,441	15,405	26.1	102.0	107.0	301,576
Nov-04	791,418	566,501	68,221	92,032	64,664	34.6	102.5	107.1	296,667
Dec-04	647,976	396,963	25,714	115,788	109,511	34.6	102.7	107.8	303,977
Jan-05	652,427	467,530	20,733	110,574	53,590	28.3	102.7	108.4	292,931
Feb-05	800,047	555,395	14,641	192,150	37,861	31.7	102.8	109.3	312,594
Mar-05	906,372	523,919	29,540	247,350	105,563	35.0	102.8	109.9	320,262
Apr-05	861,759	591,849	24,761	205,096	40,053	30.5	104.5	109.8	323,674
May-05	804,504	528,840	18,409	148,599	108,656	35.2	105.9	111.0	331,021
Jun-05	863,428	538,775	41,145	161,627	121,881	30.5	105.9	112.0	330,291
Jul-05	770,989	489,766	44,321	114,350	122,552	36.7	106.3	113.0	334,675
Aug-05	954,446	655,712	37,530	151,255	109,949	35.7	106.4	116.2	334,802
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	39.3	-	-	348,803
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 6,613,972	t 6,737,155	t 231,080	t 1,331,001	t 700,105	a 33.7	a 104.7	a 111.2	a 325,450
% change	25.9	22.8	20.7	58.4	142.8	1.8	4.3	7.0	14.1
Last 12 months	9,300,540	9,189,856	367,673	1,718,838	925,501	33.2	103.9	109.9	319,273
Previous 12	7,618,718	7,677,469	276,793	1,229,016	470,989	32.1	99.3	102.6	282,814
% change	22.1	19.7	32.8	39.9	96.5	3.5	4.6	7.1	12.9
% ch. year ago	56.9	60.8	-0.5	27.6	179.0	17.0	4.5	8.6	21.3
% ch. prev mnth	23.8	22.2	-15.3	32.3	-10.3	10.1	0.1	2.8	4.2

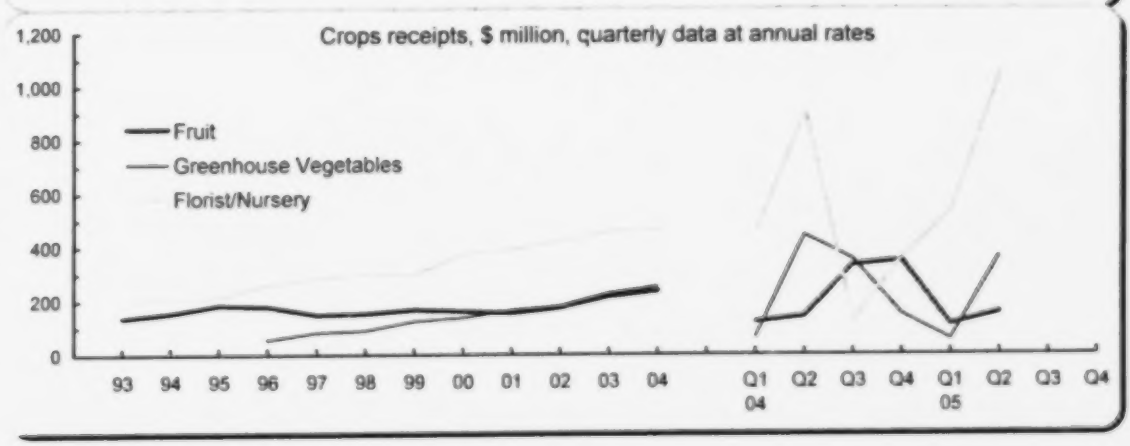


7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products: Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Crops: Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	Total Farm Cash Receipts
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2001	364,478	265,941	260,897	279,450	1,170,766	154,782	163,835	394,354	280,866	993,837	2,224,466
2002	368,630	237,188	257,753	265,738	1,129,309	173,978	180,247	423,694	258,557	1,036,476	2,196,700
2003	393,102	160,867	272,982	255,113	1,082,064	215,266	226,209	459,247	241,248	1,141,970	2,283,440
2004	391,731	153,401	228,431	237,290	1,010,853	235,706	251,881	465,365	251,242	1,204,194	2,402,599
Q1-03	97,255	57,247	63,149	60,059	277,710	26,237	14,310	114,810	57,550	212,907	498,408
Q2-03	99,044	32,438	69,928	49,232	250,642	32,295	99,781	223,474	42,324	397,874	652,885
Q3-03	98,158	17,693	71,786	57,342	244,979	75,319	79,048	30,509	65,794	250,670	506,763
Q4-03	98,645	53,489	68,119	88,480	308,733	81,415	33,070	90,454	75,580	280,519	625,384
Q1-04	97,946	25,616	68,963	59,672	252,197	30,324	15,765	116,340	59,660	222,089	500,939
Q2-04	99,669	24,544	37,232	42,108	203,553	35,427	110,673	226,609	40,913	413,622	654,544
Q3-04	97,554	28,587	46,248	48,761	221,150	82,908	88,300	31,553	73,798	276,559	511,575
Q4-04	96,562	74,654	75,988	86,749	333,953	87,047	37,143	90,863	76,871	291,924	735,541
Q1-05	101,163	32,711	76,294	51,902	262,070	27,520	13,771	134,858	55,866	232,015	535,243
Q2-05	100,644	26,397	77,663	43,977	248,681	38,542	90,723	262,681	40,509	432,455	729,284
Q3-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 201,807	t 59,108	t 153,957	t 95,879	t 510,751	t 66,062	t 104,494	t 397,539	t 96,375	t 664,470	t 1,264,527
% change	2.1	17.8	45.0	-5.8	12.1	0.5	-17.4	15.9	-4.2	4.5	9.4
Last 4 quarters	395,923	162,349	276,193	231,389	1,065,854	236,017	229,937	519,955	247,044	1,232,953	2,511,643
Previous 4	394,418	121,342	246,100	247,602	1,009,462	222,485	238,556	463,912	241,947	1,166,900	2,287,630
% change	0.4	33.8	12.2	-6.5	5.6	6.1	-3.6	12.1	2.1	5.7	9.8
% ch. year ago	1.0	7.5	108.6	4.4	22.2	8.8	-18.0	15.9	-1.0	4.6	11.4
% ch. prev qtr	-0.5	-19.3	1.8	-15.3	-5.1	40.1	556.8	94.8	-27.5	86.4	36.3

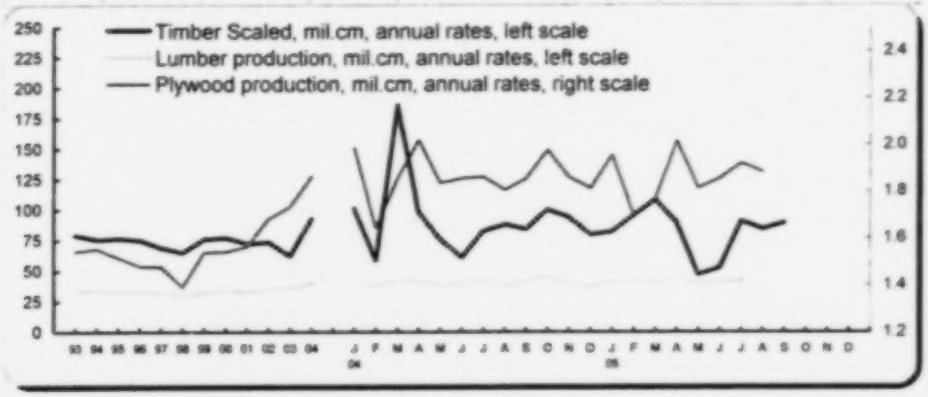




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

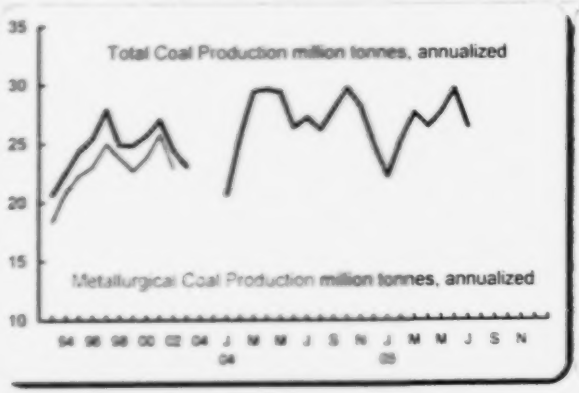
Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Cubic metres (000s)		Cubic metres	Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2001	72,212	32,605.7	1,563,884	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,519	35,500.9	1,680,352	1,159	1,731	2,890	4,477	1,171	1,729	7,380
2003	61,925	36,030.9	1,733,080	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
2004	92,361	39,679.3	1,863,057	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
Jan-03	5,290	3,246.8	146,395	106	154	260	441	104	145	689
Feb-03	9,296	3,168.1	143,287	95	141	236	390	90	153	633
Mar-03	10,494	3,346.8	147,246	106	143	249	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,288.3	153,464	102	148	250	374	100	152	626
May-03	4,933	3,092.9	138,689	97	154	251	336	96	150	582
Jun-03	2,615	2,906.8	146,246	88	116	204	358	104	132	594
Jul-03	2,884	2,948.2	135,981	103	124	227	434	97	133	593
Aug-03	4,805	2,492.7	130,438	102	121	223	416	94	137	646
Sep-03	4,126	2,852.1	147,744	92	125	217	448	102	133	683
Oct-03	3,647	3,354.8	166,120	101	166	267	382	90	156	628
Nov-03	69	2,707.2	141,692	100	152	252	371	104	149	625
Dec-03	9,362	2,626.2	135,778	98	148	246	419	95	145	659
Jan-04	8,387	3,023.5	165,383	103	151	254	389	96	139	624
Feb-04	4,894	3,170.3	136,844	96	147	243	387	96	140	622
Mar-04	15,492	3,557.0	154,530	98	164	262	386	112	171	669
Apr-04	8,174	3,554.6	168,132	102	156	258	388	89	155	631
May-04	6,313	3,148.0	152,888	95	147	242	392	97	156	645
Jun-04	5,090	3,387.1	154,608	84	145	229	353	103	154	610
Jul-04	6,876	3,407.2	155,068	96	159	255	360	93	159	612
Aug-04	7,327	3,167.9	150,452	88	156	244	350	82	147	580
Sep-04	7,002	3,440.7	154,500	85	153	238	391	89	150	630
Oct-04	8,338	3,699.3	164,606	104	148	252	449	86	149	684
Nov-04	7,822	3,263.7	154,964	92	149	241	415	96	155	665
Dec-04	6,646	3,060.0	151,082	101	168	269	464	96	166	726
Jan-05	6,849	3,496.5	162,852	90	162	252	390	85	156	631
Feb-05	7,966	3,393.5	141,470	87	146	233	371	90	151	612
Mar-05	9,031	3,452.2	147,391	90	151	241	398	96	151	646
Apr-05	7,460	3,804.3	167,804	86	159	245	392	92	157	641
May-05	3,925	3,269.7	151,197	85	141	226	386	84	147	618
Jun-05	4,373	3,509.2	154,568	84	151	235	423	88	149	660
Jul-05	7,536	3,516.2	159,965	92	159	251	354	65	146	565
Aug-05	7,023	-	156,962	84	162	246	461	95	168	724
Sep-05	7,452	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 61,615	t 24,442	t 1,242,209	t 698	t 1,231	t 1,929	t 3,175	t 695	t 1,225	t 5,097
% change	-11.4	5.1	0.3	-8.4	0.5	-2.9	5.7	-9.5	0.3	2.1
Last 12 months	84,421	41,073	1,867,361	1,080	1,849	2,929	4,894	1,062	1,845	7,802
Previous 12	82,633	37,281	1,829,239	1,153	1,815	2,969	4,625	1,159	1,804	7,588
% change	2.2	10.2	2.1	-6.3	1.8	-1.3	5.8	-8.4	2.3	2.8
% ch. year ago	6.4	3.2	4.3	-4.5	3.8	0.8	31.7	15.9	14.3	24.8
% ch. prev mnth	6.1	0.2	-1.9	-8.7	1.9	-2.0	30.2	46.2	15.1	28.1

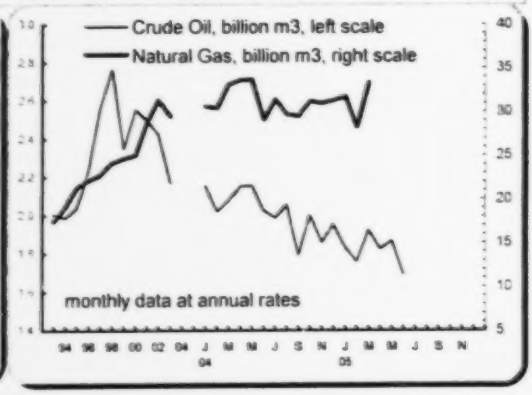


9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Statistics Canada (total) & Min. of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

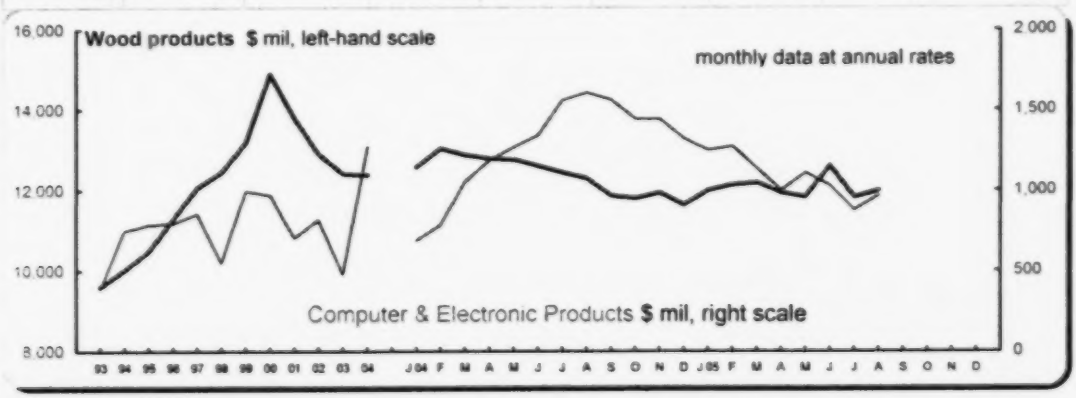
	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
Period	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW h
	Unadjusted											
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,006.0	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	22,821.7	24,397.0	248.3	6.3	68.0	8.0	21.7	652.7	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
2003	-	-	23,061.0	245.5	20.0	65.7	8.9	22.9	676.9	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,050,922
2004	-	-	27,082.0	239.9	2.3	44.7	9.5	20.1	593.3	-	-	60,595,613
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,897.0	19.6	2.0	8.0	0.8	1.5	36.6	2,449.3	181.6	6,305,368
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.0	18.7	1.5	7.2	0.7	1.6	47.6	2,211.7	160.1	5,415,832
Mar-03	-	-	1,965.0	20.2	1.6	0.4	0.8	2.1	77.1	2,507.3	167.0	5,452,418
Apr-03	-	-	1,992.0	20.7	1.7	6.7	0.8	1.6	54.8	2,544.6	175.2	4,399,687
May-03	-	-	2,124.0	21.3	1.8	6.7	0.6	2.0	56.8	2,567.7	193.1	4,373,885
Jun-03	-	-	1,781.0	18.7	1.4	6.6	0.7	2.1	45.5	2,419.6	184.9	4,296,546
Jul-03	-	-	1,768.0	20.4	1.8	2.9	0.6	1.6	49.3	2,311.8	183.3	5,246,845
Aug-03	-	-	1,478.0	21.8	1.6	6.3	0.7	2.2	65.2	2,524.6	182.9	5,339,448
Sep-03	-	-	1,943.0	20.8	1.9	6.0	0.9	2.3	73.3	2,443.4	181.8	4,806,675
Oct-03	-	-	2,125.0	21.6	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.6	46.5	2,525.4	193.0	4,959,737
Nov-03	-	-	2,121.0	18.8	1.5	3.9	0.8	1.9	57.6	2,447.0	182.8	5,960,032
Dec-03	-	-	1,868.0	22.8	1.9	10.8	0.8	2.5	66.6	2,531.0	182.5	6,494,449
Jan-04	-	-	1,721.0	15.2	-	-	0.7	0.9	32.5	2,548.7	179.4	6,694,914
Feb-04	-	-	2,137.0	17.3	-	-	0.8	1.1	38.0	2,535.2	168.5	5,443,423
Mar-04	-	-	2,452.0	20.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	2.0	62.9	2,759.0	173.2	4,945,324
Apr-04	-	-	2,465.0	20.0	0.1	11.6	0.9	2.3	65.5	2,801.1	179.4	4,513,015
May-04	-	-	2,445.0	18.8	0.4	6.7	0.8	1.9	50.4	2,806.2	179.6	4,384,434
Jun-04	-	-	2,197.0	19.5	0.4	3.2	0.7	1.6	46.3	2,422.0	168.7	4,135,339
Jul-04	-	-	2,267.0	19.6	0.1	6.1	1.0	1.3	30.7	2,614.3	165.6	5,161,783
Aug-04	-	-	2,179.0	19.3	-	-	0.7	1.5	36.6	2,471.6	171.2	4,984,243
Sep-04	-	-	2,328.0	20.2	0.3	7.0	0.7	1.9	60.0	2,459.6	149.4	4,060,909
Oct-04	-	-	2,474.0	20.6	-	3.3	0.8	2.2	54.8	2,598.6	166.5	4,669,500
Nov-04	-	-	2,344.0	24.2	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.9	64.7	2,578.8	154.9	5,353,623
Dec-04	-	-	2,073.0	24.4	0.4	3.5	0.7	1.5	50.9	2,606.2	162.6	6,249,106
Jan-05	-	-	1,849.0	17.9	-	3.2	0.6	1.0	40.4	2,640.7	152.7	6,482,183
Feb-05	-	-	2,111.0	19.5	0.6	3.5	0.7	1.3	49.5	2,354.7	146.6	5,420,323
Mar-05	-	-	2,301.0	26.1	0.5	5.7	0.6	1.4	34.4	2,773.6	160.2	4,992,145
Apr-05	-	-	2,204.0	24.9	0.2	4.6	0.7	1.5	48.3	-	152.0	4,816,336
May-05	-	-	2,308.0	24.0	0.5	6.1	0.7	1.2	43.6	-	155.4	4,499,628
Jun-05	-	-	2,469.0	23.8	0.0	0.8	0.8	1.4	38.3	-	141.1	4,729,798
Jul-05	-	-	2,201.0	21.7	0.3	6.7	0.4	1.4	29.7	-	-	5,925,097
Aug-05	-	-	-	23.8	0.4	4.5	0.7	1.6	32.2	-	-	-
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(tot. or avg.) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.8	t 15,443.0	t 191.7	t 2.4	t 35.1	t 5.2	t 10.8	t 316.4	t 7,769.0	t 908.0	t 36,865,510
% change	-10.2	5.5	-1.5	20.7	90.5	25.8	-21.0	-13.7	-12.8	-0.9	-13.4	4.5
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	26,841.0	271.1	3.4	51.9	8.1	18.4	546.8	31,127.4	1,878.2	62,182,891
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	25,219.0	234.5	7.9	48.8	9.9	20.8	606.9	30,158.0	2,155.1	62,838,573
% change	15.8	-8.3	6.4	15.6	-56.5	6.4	-18.5	-11.9	-9.9	3.2	-12.8	-1.0
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	-2.9	23.3	0.0	0.0	1.4	3.3	-12.0	0.5	-16.4	14.8
% ch. prev mnth	43.8	4.0	-10.9	9.7	60.7	-32.8	71.4	9.8	8.4	17.8	-9.2	25.3





10 Manufacturing – Durables, NAICS based

Period	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2001	38,302,590	21,614,636	10,817,105	1,057,070	1,692,085	1,539,077	1,448,553	-	1,670,882
2002	38,511,548	22,419,104	11,261,802	1,268,304	1,706,774	1,679,295	1,223,672	-	1,564,813
2003	37,243,134	20,780,663	9,911,332	1,415,675	1,713,789	1,832,739	1,101,172	-	990,838
2004	42,343,605	25,306,221	13,081,544	1,570,582	2,019,402	2,126,825	1,094,936	-	1,060,744
Jan-03	3,188,704	1,798,148	870,459	127,117	144,812	153,873	84,033	-	88,142
Feb-03	3,123,879	1,779,708	861,302	119,982	150,011	161,245	82,190	-	82,492
Mar-03	3,094,064	1,687,283	816,211	116,595	139,620	145,684	76,431	-	84,331
Apr-03	3,077,844	1,677,653	799,098	114,298	138,019	151,009	90,359	-	83,874
May-03	2,994,703	1,621,742	751,496	113,862	135,667	153,153	91,392	-	79,479
Jun-03	3,006,645	1,655,055	776,208	114,996	139,901	150,351	88,157	-	81,380
Jul-03	3,086,721	1,710,712	805,566	113,569	139,915	152,588	96,055	-	80,651
Aug-03	3,100,013	1,712,173	806,156	113,708	137,607	156,545	99,984	-	77,725
Sep-03	3,218,937	1,823,249	877,583	119,898	158,068	148,791	105,169	-	87,838
Oct-03	3,119,759	1,775,670	845,724	114,794	141,086	159,002	101,870	-	81,543
Nov-03	3,130,768	1,791,837	865,595	120,990	139,162	157,680	101,793	-	81,558
Dec-03	3,101,106	1,747,439	835,935	125,867	149,922	142,818	83,738	-	81,822
Jan-04	3,150,103	1,831,640	895,590	129,478	138,304	160,158	95,283	-	90,429
Feb-04	3,244,055	1,891,443	927,375	131,191	150,982	161,721	104,776	-	85,213
Mar-04	3,459,621	2,011,861	1,016,908	127,673	160,058	167,609	101,554	-	93,963
Apr-04	3,475,797	2,079,816	1,062,035	129,426	165,738	168,554	99,703	-	85,170
May-04	3,570,773	2,110,242	1,088,813	122,738	167,957	169,880	99,153	-	91,876
Jun-04	3,565,225	2,130,154	1,113,520	126,400	168,360	172,922	95,811	-	89,807
Jul-04	3,644,725	2,225,049	1,186,345	127,628	170,679	198,873	92,365	-	82,950
Aug-04	3,666,732	2,229,084	1,202,067	122,374	173,382	186,629	89,391	-	89,475
Sep-04	3,710,957	2,253,164	1,186,938	131,781	181,855	190,067	80,364	-	90,889
Oct-04	3,600,688	2,185,009	1,147,602	138,120	179,114	179,844	79,000	-	93,278
Nov-04	3,646,753	2,203,686	1,147,445	141,481	183,037	183,935	81,942	-	87,101
Dec-04	3,608,169	2,155,069	1,106,901	142,293	179,935	186,633	75,595	-	80,596
Jan-05	3,571,895	2,142,401	1,083,199	133,637	188,633	200,759	83,076	-	88,547
Feb-05	3,619,046	2,174,249	1,090,927	144,175	190,148	183,363	86,168	-	81,947
Mar-05	3,593,005	2,139,807	1,045,089	150,454	185,023	192,600	87,205	-	96,376
Apr-05	3,528,656	2,085,705	999,778	149,528	183,376	191,046	81,945	-	91,318
May-05	3,625,509	2,151,785	1,035,456	153,637	189,466	216,163	79,816	-	93,219
Jun-05	3,624,045	2,134,122	1,009,418	150,613	182,765	190,738	95,858	-	94,035
Jul-05	3,410,936	2,035,783	958,668	147,947	184,060	189,404	79,543	-	87,282
Aug-05	3,613,189	2,081,107	988,729	152,433	188,978	183,250	82,986	-	98,580
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 28,586,281	t 16,944,959	t 8,211,264	t 1,182,424	t 1,492,449	t 1,547,323	t 676,597	t 0	t 731,304
% change	2.9	2.6	-3.3	16.3	15.2	11.6	-13.0	0.0	3.2
Last 12 months	43,152,848	25,741,887	12,800,150	1,736,099	2,216,390	2,287,802	993,498	0	1,083,168
Previous 12	40,347,601	23,647,484	11,917,490	1,498,457	1,883,698	1,994,637	1,170,606	0	1,041,644
% change	7.0	8.9	7.4	15.9	17.7	14.7	-15.1	0.0	4.0
% ch. year ago	-1.5	-6.6	-17.7	24.6	9.0	-1.8	-7.2	0.0	10.2
% ch prev mnth	5.9	2.2	3.1	3.0	2.7	-3.2	4.3	0.0	12.9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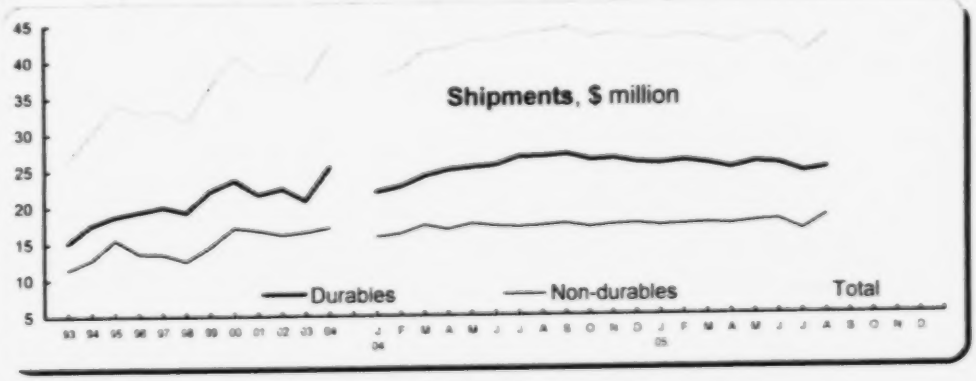
11 Manufacturing – Non-Durables, NAICS based

Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)

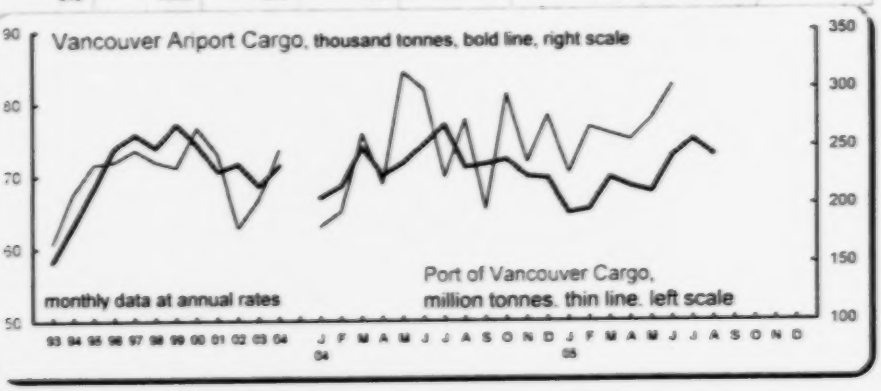
Period	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
	Seasonally Adjusted							
2001	16,687,953	4,525,550	992,470	6,263,088	908,529	-	1,000,572	1,057,740
2002	16,092,443	4,752,512	1,087,141	5,496,248	828,868	-	1,016,553	1,059,977
2003	16,462,469	4,918,125	1,091,227	5,650,853	758,499	-	1,083,911	1,161,803
2004	17,037,384	5,053,924	1,129,515	5,874,768	779,365	-	1,269,970	1,150,813
Jan-03	1,390,556	420,719	95,455	474,168	64,260	-	91,724	92,573
Feb-03	1,344,171	405,024	90,627	437,397	66,677	-	92,960	95,472
Mar-03	1,406,781	408,187	88,817	503,330	62,501	-	89,599	97,161
Apr-03	1,400,191	413,200	89,960	493,610	59,727	-	93,808	96,337
May-03	1,372,961	400,994	92,509	486,189	58,532	-	90,316	99,646
Jun-03	1,351,590	408,601	88,593	459,626	61,700	-	87,210	100,732
Jul-03	1,376,009	417,235	87,143	470,366	60,905	-	88,524	102,295
Aug-03	1,387,840	410,141	89,921	478,672	70,506	-	93,923	95,328
Sep-03	1,395,688	413,150	89,524	497,754	62,462	-	88,727	94,419
Oct-03	1,344,089	410,373	96,998	442,507	61,672	-	84,775	97,025
Nov-03	1,338,931	404,474	88,861	447,960	64,347	-	91,236	96,033
Dec-03	1,353,667	406,027	92,820	459,274	65,210	-	91,110	94,783
Jan-04	1,318,463	409,966	93,911	435,875	59,847	-	90,042	90,264
Feb-04	1,352,612	406,669	93,355	464,679	62,870	-	88,810	96,230
Mar-04	1,447,760	420,631	94,713	525,796	62,973	-	92,531	99,281
Apr-04	1,395,981	407,137	97,974	471,147	63,669	-	102,921	94,891
May-04	1,460,531	406,296	89,303	552,062	63,153	-	104,724	89,394
Jun-04	1,435,071	415,169	91,945	517,102	65,382	-	115,541	89,760
Jul-04	1,419,676	417,156	93,387	493,336	64,425	-	111,064	96,675
Aug-04	1,437,648	428,845	92,127	496,564	69,246	-	108,684	97,467
Sep-04	1,457,793	431,258	96,174	500,923	70,183	-	110,889	100,022
Oct-04	1,415,679	431,067	93,678	462,490	66,560	-	115,529	98,987
Nov-04	1,443,067	443,907	96,491	465,721	66,800	-	115,442	98,668
Dec-04	1,453,100	435,824	96,456	489,073	64,257	-	113,793	99,175
Jan-05	1,429,494	445,272	95,483	456,067	67,255	-	107,650	102,492
Feb-05	1,444,797	446,237	100,288	453,963	67,581	-	120,246	105,214
Mar-05	1,453,198	443,956	102,732	485,223	69,004	-	116,133	102,388
Apr-05	1,442,951	442,499	100,514	463,830	72,553	-	111,421	105,744
May-05	1,473,724	447,388	104,349	482,466	76,242	-	111,871	98,077
Jun-05	1,489,923	438,784	103,477	490,173	77,617	-	110,205	105,462
Jul-05	1,375,153	423,250	97,006	406,137	77,630	-	109,255	102,529
Aug-05	1,532,082	441,292	103,047	512,132	86,911	-	113,240	108,725
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 11,641,322	t 3,528,678	t 808,896	t 3,749,991	t 594,793	t 0	t 900,021	t 830,631
% change	3.3	6.5	8.1	-5.2	16.3	0.0	10.5	10.2
Last 12 months	17,410,961	5,270,734	1,189,695	5,668,198	862,593	0	1,355,674	1,227,483
Previous 12	16,700,117	4,945,893	1,114,918	5,804,056	765,256	0	1,170,165	1,136,222
% change	4.3	6.6	6.7	-2.3	12.7	0.0	15.9	8.0
% ch. year ago	6.6	2.9	11.9	3.1	25.5	0.0	4.2	11.6
% ch. prev mnth	11.4	4.3	6.2	26.1	12.0	0.0	3.6	6.0



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,721	2,518
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
2004	70,289	3,283	73,574	233,809	7,986	11,181	3,797	2,572
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,478	271	5,750	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	4,919	238	5,156	19,895	715	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	5,136	287	5,423	19,217	784	1,650	492	388
Sep-03	5,131	266	5,397	18,472	636	948	334	227
Oct-03	6,493	264	6,757	19,606	636	833	296	209
Nov-03	6,096	268	6,364	18,614	524	647	239	112
Dec-03	5,901	239	6,140	19,235	626	688	235	138
Jan-04	4,971	277	5,249	17,140	552	556	207	96
Feb-04	5,155	262	5,417	17,999	571	620	232	117
Mar-04	6,045	267	6,312	20,772	619	771	278	167
Apr-04	5,499	240	5,739	18,801	606	862	305	209
May-04	6,725	295	7,020	19,659	666	965	319	241
Jun-04	6,522	299	6,821	20,993	705	993	333	240
Jul-04	5,550	270	5,819	22,369	794	1,450	442	386
Aug-04	6,175	300	6,475	19,347	831	1,560	477	381
Sep-04	5,155	288	5,444	19,580	711	1,025	356	260
Oct-04	6,523	247	6,770	19,898	680	905	311	207
Nov-04	5,703	285	5,989	18,692	569	660	250	121
Dec-04	6,266	253	6,519	18,559	683	814	287	147
Jan-05	5,592	275	5,866	16,061	627	539	204	96
Feb-05	6,110	279	6,388	16,321	605	602	228	121
Mar-05	6,023	291	6,314	18,594	674	842	297	194
Apr-05	6,011	232	6,243	17,948	614	790	292	182
May-05	6,215	267	6,482	17,571	692	985	330	255
Jun-05	6,555	311	6,866	20,107	748	1,017	345	255
Jul-05	-	-	-	21,286	816	1,433	442	398
Aug-05	-	-	-	20,198	868	1,532	477	388
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	1,018	352	267
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Last 3-avg) YTD	t 36,506	t 1,655	t 38,159	t 148,086	t 5,844	t 8,758	t 2,967	t 2,155
% change	4.6	0.9	4.4	-5.7	5.6	-0.5	0.6	2.7
Last 12 months	71,878	3,298	75,175	224,815	8,286	11,137	3,815	2,629
Previous 12	68,593	3,202	71,795	233,007	7,767	10,970	3,719	2,556
% change	4.8	3.0	4.7	-3.5	6.7	1.5	2.6	2.9
% ch. year ago	0.5	4.0	0.7	4.4	4.4	-0.7	-1.1	2.8
% ch. prev mnth	5.5	16.5	5.9	-5.1	6.4	-33.6	-26.2	-31.1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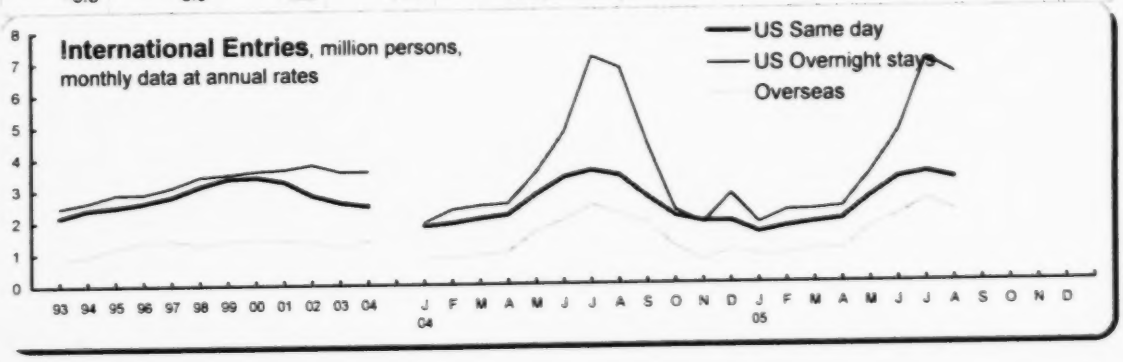
13 Service Sector – Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS

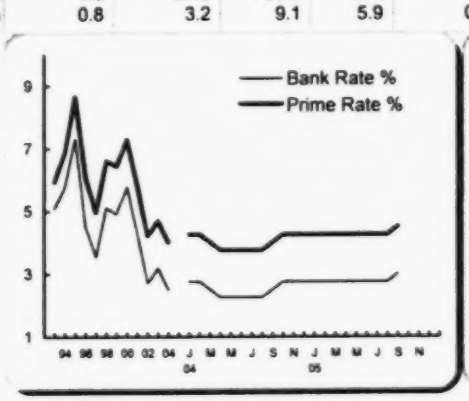
Period	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Internti
	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,808,063	3,787,823	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	58.9	107,107	256,945	1,506,188	3,855	3,600
2003	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
2004	2,477,573	3,561,522	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.5	105,581	249,553	1,592,095	3,965	3,775
Jan-03	182,091	182,462	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.1	1,525	14,300	129,799	292	289
Feb-03	166,881	210,112	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.3	4,125	23,500	130,824	277	240
Mar-03	171,047	203,096	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.8	18,947	23,200	123,752	314	274
Apr-03	183,054	195,417	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.7	9,239	14,790	120,374	244	203
May-03	234,763	286,647	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.2	13,589	19,050	120,588	299	200
Jun-03	265,979	395,933	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,769	20,100	117,225	366	249
Jul-03	300,416	561,027	861,443	163,394	1,024,837	71.2	1,530	2,490	118,617	453	314
Aug-03	321,846	625,664	947,510	171,241	1,118,751	79.2	828	20,000	125,103	482	375
Sep-03	236,533	315,978	552,511	137,493	690,004	66.8	10,223	20,400	119,775	321	312
Oct-03	178,405	193,284	371,689	82,542	454,231	56.7	29,509	27,754	125,468	248	276
Nov-03	172,458	161,031	333,489	59,676	393,165	48.1	8,557	10,804	125,569	233	229
Dec-03	167,223	226,093	393,316	87,208	480,524	43.9	834	1,000	129,589	285	279
Jan-04	152,888	161,360	314,248	72,760	387,008	45.2	1,872	8,678	129,963	289	295
Feb-04	160,414	195,702	356,116	71,414	427,530	55.3	16,716	10,940	130,350	286	249
Mar-04	171,802	205,608	377,410	78,220	455,630	61.1	12,755	57,100	129,215	320	280
Apr-04	180,945	210,875	391,820	87,463	479,283	60.9	4,842	37,000	133,233	291	271
May-04	233,539	290,863	524,402	139,800	664,202	64.9	12,522	32,400	130,903	320	319
Jun-04	278,468	397,347	675,815	169,481	845,296	69.6	10,923	17,009	132,421	373	355
Jul-04	295,574	594,325	889,899	206,851	1,096,750	76.7	4,582	7,200	134,051	453	397
Aug-04	282,366	564,277	846,643	181,621	1,028,264	77.3	3,800	12,500	129,638	474	421
Sep-04	225,481	362,227	587,708	159,323	747,031	72.3	6,272	20,760	135,157	345	358
Oct-04	175,080	190,329	365,409	94,030	459,439	58.7	26,572	13,800	133,101	265	302
Nov-04	160,437	156,051	316,488	59,092	375,580	49.3	3,524	7,866	135,032	248	238
Dec-04	160,579	232,558	393,137	88,599	481,736	46.6	1,201	24,300	139,032	299	290
Jan-05	131,560	156,325	287,885	72,030	359,915	45.3	3,655	11,800	135,252	314	307
Feb-05	146,726	187,966	334,692	75,675	410,367	57.6	6,517	9,300	136,526	288	265
Mar-05	155,995	190,677	346,672	90,157	436,829	61.8	6,628	42,375	135,720	349	297
Apr-05	164,877	197,123	362,000	88,017	450,017	63.8	11,766	21,400	135,161	298	302
May-05	223,119	285,885	509,004	148,381	657,385	68.5	12,320	17,115	139,908	346	338
Jun-05	272,179	394,299	666,478	176,756	843,234	73.0	3,873	65,280	139,712	376	369
Jul-05	285,047	585,978	871,025	216,706	1,087,731	78.7	10,350	-	-	461	423
Aug-05	269,417	545,371	814,788	185,395	1,000,183	80.9	1,620	3,900	-	463	442
Sep-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 1,648,920	t 2,543,624	t 4,192,544	t 1,053,117	t 5,245,661	a 66.2	t 56,729	t 171,170	t 822,279	t 2,898	t 2,743
% change	-6.1	-2.9	-4.2	4.5	-2.6	3.6	-16.6	-6.4	4.6	3.2	6.0
Last 12 months	2,370,497	3,484,789	5,855,286	1,454,161	7,309,447	63.0	94,298	237,896	1,628,290	4,053	3,930
Previous 12	2,510,615	3,516,743	6,027,358	1,374,529	7,401,887	60.5	117,135	242,785	1,530,206	3,894	3,684
% change	-5.6	-0.9	-2.9	5.8	-1.2	4.1	-19.5	-2.0	6.4	4.1	6.7
% ch. year ago	-4.6	-3.4	-3.8	2.1	-2.7	4.7	-57.4	-68.8	5.5	-2.3	5.0
% ch prev mnth	-5.5	-6.9	-6.5	-14.4	-8.0	2.8	-84.3	0.0	-0.1	0.6	4.3

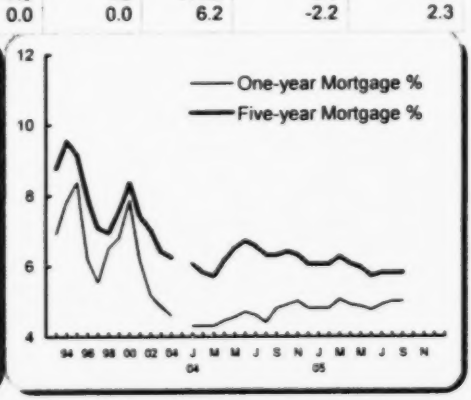


14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	87.04
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	92.47
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1 22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	9,021.5	6,983.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
Jul-03	9,233.8	7,257.9	3.25	4.75	6.20	4.55	1.04	1.3815	88.16
Aug-03	9,415.8	7,510.3	3.25	4.75	6.35	4.55	1.00	1.3957	87.40
Sep-03	9,275.1	7,421.1	3.00	4.50	6.30	4.55	1.00	1.3632	89.23
Oct-03	9,801.1	7,772.7	3.00	4.50	6.40	4.55	1.00	1.3218	91.48
Nov-03	9,782.5	7,859.4	3.00	4.50	6.50	4.75	0.99	1.3126	92.09
Dec-03	10,453.9	8,220.9	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.75	0.96	1.3128	91.65
Jan-04	10,488.1	8,521.4	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.30	1.02	1.2960	92.54
Feb-04	10,583.9	8,788.5	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.30	1.00	1.3290	90.19
Mar-04	10,357.7	8,585.9	2.50	4.00	5.70	4.30	1.01	1.3284	90.55
Apr-04	10,225.6	8,244.0	2.25	3.75	6.15	4.45	1.00	1.3425	89.74
May-04	10,188.5	8,417.3	2.25	3.75	6.50	4.55	0.99	1.3783	87.57
Jun-04	10,435.5	8,545.6	2.25	3.75	6.70	4.70	1.11	1.3577	88.68
Jul-04	10,139.7	8,458.1	2.25	3.75	6.55	4.60	1.26	1.3219	91.00
Aug-04	10,173.9	8,377.0	2.25	3.75	6.30	4.40	1.51	1.3118	91.80
Sep-04	10,080.3	8,668.3	2.50	4.00	6.30	4.80	1.76	1.2878	93.52
Oct-04	10,027.5	8,871.0	2.75	4.25	6.40	4.90	1.74	1.2469	96.36
Nov-04	10,428.0	9,030.1	2.75	4.25	6.30	5.00	2 00	1.1961	99.92
Dec-04	10,783.0	9,246.7	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2191	97.74
Jan-05	10,489.9	9,204.1	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2253	97.41
Feb-05	10,766.2	9,668.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.52	1.2397	96.40
Mar-05	10,503.8	9,612.4	2.75	4.25	6.25	5.05	2.77	1.2161	98.17
Apr-05	10,192.5	9,369.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.90	2.74	1.2360	96.82
May-05	10,467.5	9,607.3	2.75	4.25	5.95	4.85	3.01	1.2555	95.45
Jun-05	10,275.0	9,902.8	2.75	4.25	5.70	4.75	3.11	1.2402	97.06
Jul-05	10,640.9	10,422.9	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.90	3.26	1.2227	98.76
Aug-05	10,481.6	10,668.9	2.75	4.25	5.80	5.00	3.55	1.2040	100.02
Sep-05	10,568.7	11,011.8	3.00	4.50	5.80	5.00	3.77	1.1776	102.32
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(l-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 10,487.3	a 9,940.9	a 2.78	a 4.28	a 5.94	a 4.89	a 3.00	a 1.2241	a 98.05
% change	1.8	16.8	14.9	9.2	-4.6	9.0	153.3	-7.8	8.2
Last 12 months	10,468.7	9,718.0	2.77	4.27	6.02	4.90	2.75	1.2233	98.04
Previous 12	10,225.9	8,371.6	2.56	4.06	6.28	4.54	1.13	1.3250	90.90
% change	2.4	16.1	8.1	5.1	-4.2	7.9	142.5	-7.7	7.8
% ch. year ago	4.8	27 0	20.0	12.5	-7.9	4.2	114.2	-8.6	9.4
% ch prev mnth	0.8	3.2	9.1	5.9	0.0	0.0	6.2	-2.2	2.3





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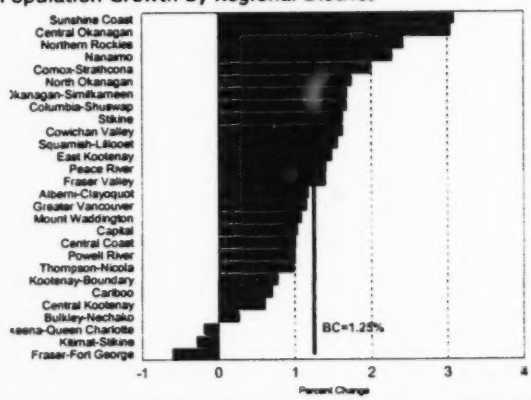
Municipal Population Estimates, 2005

The Province

Between July 1st 2004 and 2005 British Columbia's population grew by 1.25%. This represented an increase of 52,655 persons: from 4,201,867 in 2004 to 4,254,522 in 2005. The total population in Canada grew at a lower rate of 0.9% in the same period. Of the provinces, B.C.'s population growth in 2004-2005 was second after Alberta (1.62%). Ontario grew at 1.08%

The majority of the province's recent population growth was still due to strong inflows of immigrants from other countries. Over the period 2004-2005 (July 1 to July 1), B.C. gained a total of 34,735 persons through net international migration (45,282 total immigrants less 10,547 total emigrants). The second contributor to population growth for the same period was the net gain of 10,464 persons through natural increase (40,465 births less 30,001 deaths). BC also had a net gain in migration, of 7,456 from all provinces and territories, except Alberta where a loss of 202 was recorded.

Population Growth by Regional District



Regional Districts

Twenty-five of the total 28 Regional Districts exhibited a positive population growth between 2004 and 2005, while three Regional Districts experienced population declines. Of these three, declines were fairly small, with Fraser-Fort George showing the largest percentage drop at -0.6%. Collectively, only 780 fewer people were living in these three Regional Districts when compared to the previous year, with most of the decline in Fraser-Fort George.

Of the 25 districts that had population growth, fourteen showed a growth stronger than the provincial average of 1.25%.

Regional District	%Change	Growth	2005 Pop
Greater Vancouver	1.15	24,540	2,155,880
Capital	1.03	3,583	351,022
Fraser Valley	1.40	3,645	264,370
Central Okanagan	3.04	4,950	167,936
Nanaimo	2.27	3,134	141,080
Thompson-Nicola	0.99	1,258	128,790
Comox-Strathcona	1.99	2,059	105,327
Fraser-Fort George	-0.60	-613	101,601
Okanagan-Similkameen	1.68	1,372	83,037
North Okanagan	1.74	1,377	80,474
Cowichan Valley	1.62	1,257	78,802
Cariboo	0.71	494	70,329
Peace River	1.40	871	62,967
East Kootenay	1.48	904	61,862
Central Kootenay	0.61	363	60,237
Columbia-Shuswap	1.68	878	53,245
Bulkley-Nechako	0.27	118	43,933
Kitimat-Stikine	-0.29	-124	42,919
Squamish-Lillooet	1.56	570	37,193
Kootenay-Boundary	0.78	255	33,118
Alberni-Clayoquot	1.18	380	32,692
Sunshine Coast	3.09	855	28,557
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	-0.19	-43	22,464
Powell River	0.99	208	21,114
Mount Waddington	1.09	147	13,684
Northern Rockies	2.42	156	6,607
Central Coast	1.01	39	3,905
Stikine	1.62	22	1,377
British Columbia	**1.25**	**52,655**	**4,254,522**

Greater Vancouver, home of more than half of the province's population, displayed a growth of 1.15% or 24,540 persons. This represented 46% of the provincial population growth, as opposed to 37% in 2003/04 and 48% in 2002/03. Sunshine Coast gained only 855 persons in the period, but showed the highest growth in percentage terms (3.08%) due to the much smaller population base.

Municipalities

There are a total of 156 municipalities for which population was estimated. In the 2004-2005 period, 109 municipalities demonstrated population growth while the rest either lost population or showed no growth. On July 1, 2005 the smallest municipality was Zeballos with 228 people, and the largest was City of Vancouver with 583,267 people. There were 76 municipalities that had a population of 5,000 or more people. Of those, Qualicum Beach showed the strongest percentage growth with a rate of 19% (or 1,404 people) (part of the growth was due to a boundary extension), while Surrey showed the strongest growth in terms of population with an increase of 7,275 persons (or 1.89%).

Municipality	2004-05 Pop Change %	2004-05 Pop Change Persons	2005 Population
Vancouver, C	0.61%	3,551	583,267
Surrey, C	1.89%	7,275	393,137
Burnaby, C	0.63%	1,271	204,324
Richmond, C	0.15%	253	173,430
Abbotsford, C	0.54%	681	127,434
Coquitlam, C	1.61%	1,930	121,973
Saanich, DM	0.42%	457	110,387
Kelowna, C	3.39%	3,589	109,490
Delta, DM	0.53%	542	102,655
Langley, Township of, DM	2.48%	2,350	97,125

The top ten growth municipalities made up almost half (47.5%) of the province's population. The two largest municipalities, the Cities of Surrey and Vancouver, making up approximately 23% of the total BC population, demonstrated growth in 2004/05 that represented about one-fifth of the increase in B.C.'s population. Many of municipalities in the Greater Vancouver area, such as Maple Ridge, Langley and Coquitlam, showed strong growth in 2004/05. These so called "bedroom cities" of the region have been growing faster than the GVRD as a whole.

Prince George and North Vancouver were the two municipalities that lost the most population over the period. There were 45 municipalities that lost population in the 2004-05 period, and of these, 33 had population estimated at under 5,000. Most of the areas that lost population decreased by less than two percent (35 of the 45), with 28 of these losing one percent or less.

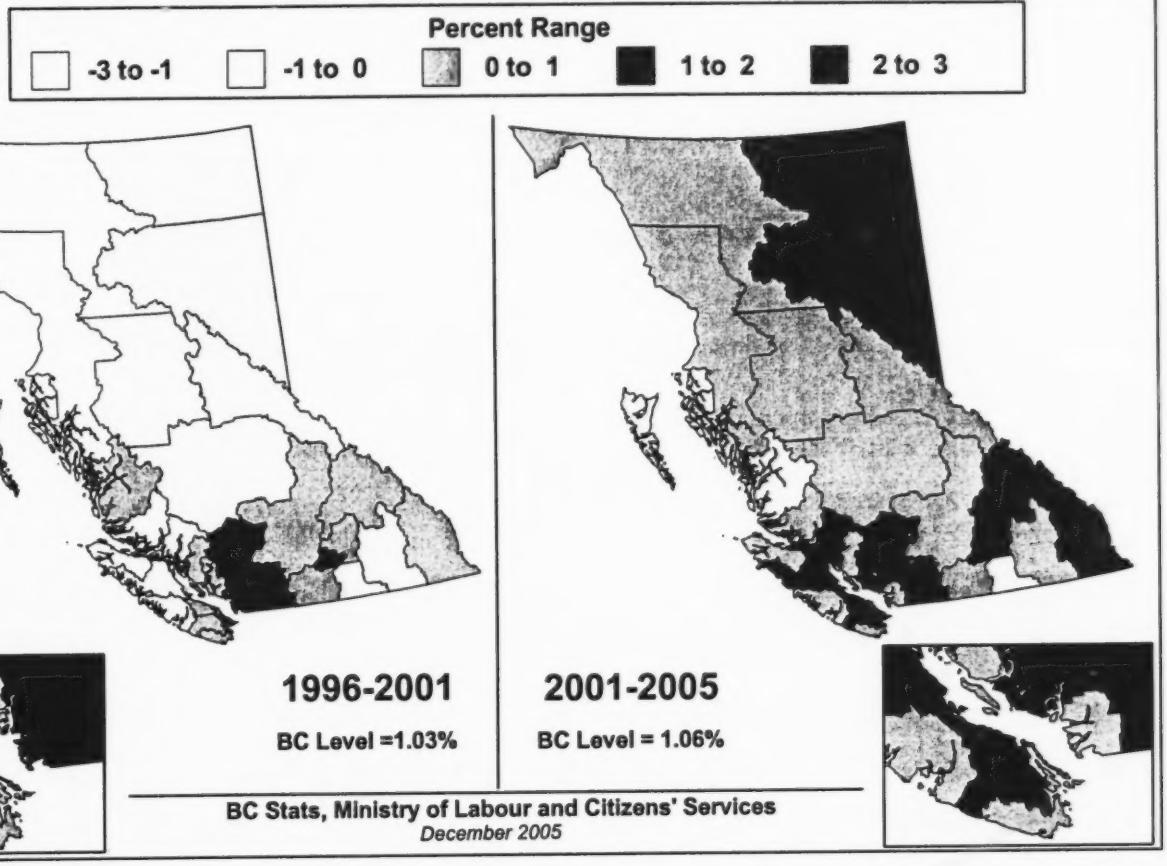
Municipality	2004-05 Pop Change %	2004-05 Pop Change Persons	2005 Population
Prince George, C	-0.87%	-678	77,148
North Vancouver, C	-1.23%	-583	46,759
Victoria, C	-0.48%	-375	77,369
New Westminster, C	-0.61%	-354	57,480
Smithers, T	-2.53%	-143	5,509
Kitimat, DM	-1.29%	-138	10,587
Houston, DM	-3.01%	-116	3,733
Oak Bay, DM	-0.50%	-92	18,313
Prince Rupert, C	-0.56%	-85	14,974
Gold River, VL	-5.50%	-79	1,357

Municipal estimates are calculated by the Population Section of BC Stats through a regional estimation model that has been developed and refined over the past 25 years. This model, which uses indicators of population change such as residential electrical connections and telephone line location information, has enabled BC Stats to produce relatively accurate population estimates without the high cost of conducting a census.

Knowledge of population growth and where it occurs is vital to the planning process. For this reason the Municipal and Regional District Estimates are an important tool for provincial and local governments in assessing current and future community needs.

The population estimates for 1996 to 2005 (as well as the estimates for 1976-1995) are available on the BC Stats web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

Total Population Average Annual Percent Change



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Name	2004	2005	2004-05 % Chg.
Alberni-Clayoquot	**32,312**	**32,692**	**1.2**
Port Alberni (C)	18,610	18,688	0.4
Tofino (DM)	1,716	1,846	7.6
Ucluelet (DM)	1,852	1,900	2.6
Bulkley-Nechako	**43,815**	**43,933**	**0.3**
Burns Lake (VL)	2,028	2,005	-1.1
Fort St. James (DM)	2,004	2,003	0.0
Fraser Lake (VL)	1,369	1,367	-0.1
Granisle (VL)	367	353	-3.8
Houston (DM)	3,849	3,733	-3.0
Smithers (T)*	5,652	5,509	-2.5
Telkwa (VL)	1,421	1,439	1.3
Vanderhoof (DM)	4,662	4,727	1.4
Capital	**347,439**	**351,022**	**1.0**
Central Saanich (DM)	16,494	16,821	2.0
Colwood (C)	14,864	15,253	2.6
Esquimalt (DM)	17,083	17,156	0.4
Highlands (DM)	1,967	2,114	7.5
Langford (DM)	20,956	21,845	4.2
Metchosin (DM)	5,286	5,353	1.3
North Saanich (DM)	11,132	11,274	1.3
Oak Bay (DM)	18,405	18,313	-0.5
Saanich (DM)	109,930	110,387	0.4
Sidney (T)	11,525	11,862	2.9
Sooke (DM)	9,756	10,117	3.7
Victoria (C)	77,744	77,369	-0.5
View Royal (T)	8,067	8,382	3.9
Cariboo	**69,835**	**70,329**	**0.7**
100 Mile House (DM)	1,828	1,826	-0.1
Quesnel (C)	10,444	10,487	0.4
Wells (DM)	262	248	-5.3
Williams Lake (C)	11,865	11,872	0.1
Central Coast	**3,866**	**3,905**	**1.0**
Central Kootenay	**59,874**	**60,237**	**0.6**
Castlegar (C)*	7,237	7,284	0.6
Creston (T)	5,053	5,097	0.9
Kaslo (VL)	1,071	1,075	0.4
Nakusp (VL)	1,789	1,779	-0.6
Nelson (C)	9,793	9,780	-0.1
New Denver (VL)	550	549	-0.2
Salmo (VL)	1,140	1,133	-0.6
Silverton (VL)	231	230	-0.4
Slocan (VL)	359	357	-0.6
Central Okanagan	**162,986**	**167,936**	**3.0**
Kelowna (C)	105,901	109,490	3.4
Lake Country (DM)	10,091	10,367	2.7
Peachland (DM)	5,090	5,230	2.8
Columbia-Shuswap	**52,367**	**53,245**	**1.7**
Golden (T)	4,385	4,399	0.3
Revelstoke (C)	7,932	7,964	0.4
Salmon Arm (C)	16,510	16,800	1.8
Sicamous (DM)	3,022	3,043	0.7
Comox-Strathcona	**103,268**	**105,327**	**2.0**
Campbell River (C)	30,250	30,810	1.9
Comox (C)	12,279	12,688	3.3

Name	2004	2005	2004-05 % Chg.
Courtenay (C)*	21,120	21,797	3.2
Cumberland (VL)*	2,768	2,817	1.8
Gold River (VL)	1,436	1,357	-5.5
Sayward (VL)	404	407	0.7
Tahsis (VL)	594	577	-2.9
Zeballos (VL)	232	228	-1.7
Cowichan Valley	**77,545**	**78,802**	**1.6**
Duncan (C)	4,884	4,898	0.3
Ladysmith (T*)	7,130	7,292	2.3
Lake Cowichan (T)	2,986	3,029	1.4
North Cowichan (DM)	28,140	28,519	1.3
East Kootenay	**60,958**	**61,862**	**1.5**
Canal Flats (VL)	673	680	1.0
Cranbrook (C)*	19,660	19,774	0.6
Elkford (DM)	2,683	2,670	-0.5
Fernie (C)	5,054	5,126	1.4
Invermere (DM)	3,147	3,254	3.4
Kimberley (C)	6,946	7,049	1.5
Radium Hot Springs (VL)	749	813	8.5
Sparwood (DM)	3,998	3,973	-0.6
Fraser Valley	**260,725**	**264,370**	**1.4**
Abbotsford (C)	126,753	127,434	0.5
Chilliwack (C)	69,193	70,522	1.9
Harrison Hot Springs (VL)	1,542	1,585	2.8
Hope (DM)	6,575	6,591	0.2
Kent (DM)	5,525	5,680	2.8
Mission (DM)	34,060	34,742	2.0
Fraser-Fort George	**102,214**	**101,601**	**-0.6**
Mackenzie (DM)	5,458	5,454	-0.1
McBride (VL)	743	752	1.2
Prince George (C)	77,826	77,148	-0.9
Valemount (VL)	1,247	1,250	0.2
Greater Vancouver	**2,131,340**	**2,155,880**	**1.2**
Anmore (VL)	1,553	1,673	7.7
Belcarra (VL)	715	723	1.1
Bowen Island (IM)	3,353	3,424	2.1
Burnaby (C)	203,053	204,324	0.6
Coquitlam (C)	120,043	121,973	1.6
Delta (DM)	102,113	102,655	0.5
Langley (C)	24,982	25,716	2.9
Langley, Township of (DM)	94,775	97,125	2.5
Lions Bay (VL)	1,421	1,421	0.0
Maple Ridge (DM)	70,792	73,280	3.5
New Westminster (C)	57,834	57,480	-0.6
North Vancouver (DM)	86,868	87,083	0.2
North Vancouver (C)	47,342	46,759	-1.2
Pitt Meadows (DM)	16,087	16,673	3.6
Port Coquitlam (C)	56,413	57,563	2.0
Port Moody (C)	26,757	28,458	6.4
Richmond (C)	173,177	173,430	0.1
Surrey (C)	385,862	393,137	1.9
Vancouver (C)	579,716	583,267	0.6
West Vancouver (DM)	43,356	44,149	1.8
White Rock (C)	19,299	19,577	1.4

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Name	2004	2005	2004-05 % Chg.
Kitimat-Stikine	**43,043**	**42,919**	**-0.3**
Hazelton (VL)	355	342	-3.7
Kitimat (DM)	10,725	10,587	-1.3
New Hazelton (DM)	765	758	-0.9
Stewart (DM)	717	695	-3.1
Terrace (C)	12,599	12,556	-0.3
Kootenay-Boundary	**32,863**	**33,118**	**0.8**
Fruitvale (VL)	2,062	2,083	1.0
Grand Forks (C)	4,184	4,200	0.4
Greenwood (C)	666	668	0.3
Midway (VL)	641	630	-1.7
Montrose (VL)	1,090	1,086	-0.4
Rossland (C)	3,689	3,725	1.0
Trail (C)	7,862	7,889	0.3
Warfield (VL)	1,756	1,751	-0.3
Mount Waddington	**13,537**	**13,684**	**1.1**
Alert Bay (VL)	615	607	-1.3
Port Alice (VL)	1,107	1,128	1.9
Port Hardy (DM)	4,593	4,597	0.1
Port McNeill (T)	2,908	2,928	0.7
Nanaimo	**137,946**	**141,080**	**2.3**
Lantzville (DM)	3,763	3,819	1.5
Nanaimo (C)	78,479	79,626	1.5
Parksville (C)	11,275	11,709	3.8
Qualicum Beach (T)*	7,403	8,807	19.0
North Okanagan	**79,097**	**80,474**	**1.7**
Armstrong (C)	4,518	4,526	0.2
Coldstream (DM)	9,922	10,102	1.8
Enderby (C)	3,023	3,073	1.7
Lumby (VL)	1,703	1,738	2.1
Spallumcheen (DM)	5,648	5,707	1.0
Vernon (C)	35,642	36,232	1.7
Northern Rockies	**6,451**	**6,607**	**2.4**
Fort Nelson (T)	4,706	4,823	2.5
Okanagan-Similkameen	**81,665**	**83,037**	**1.7**
Keremeos (VL)	1,278	1,306	2.2
Oliver (T)	4,378	4,379	0.0
Osoyoos (T)	4,611	4,801	4.1
Penticton (C)	32,955	33,061	0.3
Princeton (T)	2,691	2,688	-0.1
Summerland (DM)	11,285	11,405	1.1
Peace River	**62,096**	**62,967**	**1.4**
Chetwynd (DM)	2,729	2,770	1.5
Dawson Creek (C)	11,320	11,394	0.7
Fort St. John (C)	17,326	17,781	2.6
Hudson's Hope (DM)	1,159	1,157	-0.2
Pouce Coupe (VL)	864	887	2.7
Taylor (DM)	1,291	1,346	4.3
Tumbler Ridge (DM)	2,464	2,526	2.5
Powell River	**20,906**	**21,114**	**1.0**
Powell River (DM)	13,716	13,831	0.8
Sechelt Ind Gov Dist (IGD)**	38	38	0.0
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	**22,507**	**22,464**	**-0.2**
Masset (VL)	967	967	0.0
Port Clements (VL)	534	533	-0.2
Port Edward (DM)	659	653	-0.9
Prince Rupert (C)	15,059	14,974	-0.6

Name	2004	2005	2004-05 % Chg.
Squamish-Lillooet	**36,623**	**37,193**	**1.6**
Lillooet (DM)	2,821	2,755	-2.3
Pemberton (VL)	2,203	2,510	13.9
Squamish (DM)	15,431	15,726	1.9
Whistler (DM)	9,809	9,775	-0.3
Stikine	**1,355**	**1,377**	**1.6**
Sunshine Coast	**27,702**	**28,557**	**3.1**
Gibsons (T)	4,216	4,349	3.2
Sechelt (DM)	8,511	8,901	4.6
Sechelt Ind Gov Dist (IGD)**	792	812	2.5
Thompson-Nicola	**127,532**	**128,790**	**1.0**
Ashcroft (VL)	1,868	1,836	-1.7
Cache Creek (VL)	1,145	1,134	-1.0
Chase (VL)	2,552	2,568	0.6
Clinton (VL)	672	654	-2.7
Kamloops (C)	81,916	82,714	1.0
Logan Lake (DM)	2,320	2,314	-0.3
Lytton (VL)	333	334	0.3
Merritt (C)	7,516	7,561	0.6
British Columbia	**4,201,867**	**4,254,522**	**1.3**

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Notes:
All figures correspond to municipal boundaries as of July 1st of the year stated.
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C = City, T = Town, VL = Village, DM = District Municipality, IM= Island Municipality, IGD = Indian Government District, DR=Development Region.

** Denotes a boundary change between 2001 and 2005.*
***Sechelt Indian Government District is split between Sunshine Coast and Powell River Regional Districts.*

Base population figures for new incorporations are supplied by the Ministry of Community Services.

British Columbia Development Region	2004	2005	2004-05 % Chg.
Vancouver Island/Coast	736,819	747,626	1.5
Mainland/Southwest	2,456,390	2,486,000	1.2
Thompson-Okanagan	503,647	513,482	2.0
Kootenay	153,695	155,217	1.0
Cariboo	172,049	171,930	-0.1
North Coast	65,550	65,383	-0.3
Nechako	45,170	45,310	0.3
Northeast	68,547	69,574	1.5
British Columbia Total	**4,201,867**	**4,254,522**	**1.3**

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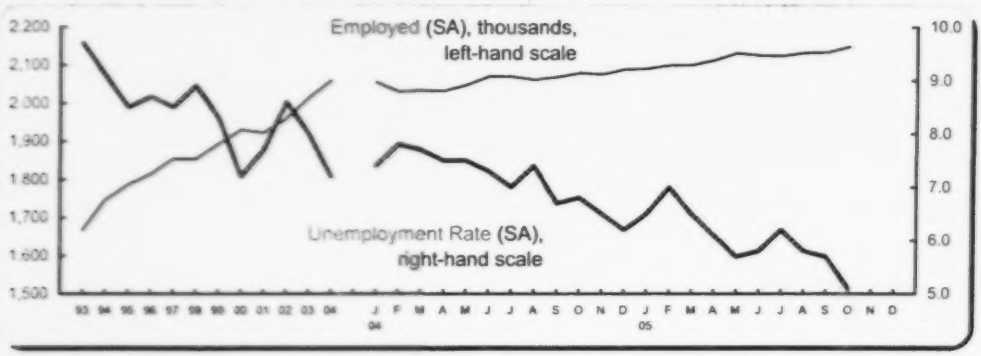
Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted
Ave: average
bd ft: board feet
C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen
Can: Canada, Canadian
GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9
m3: cubic metres
mil: million
MLS: Multiple Listing Service
Moly: molybdenum
mth: month (as in: previous mth)
NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System
SA: seasonally adjusted
T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange
US: United States of America
WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

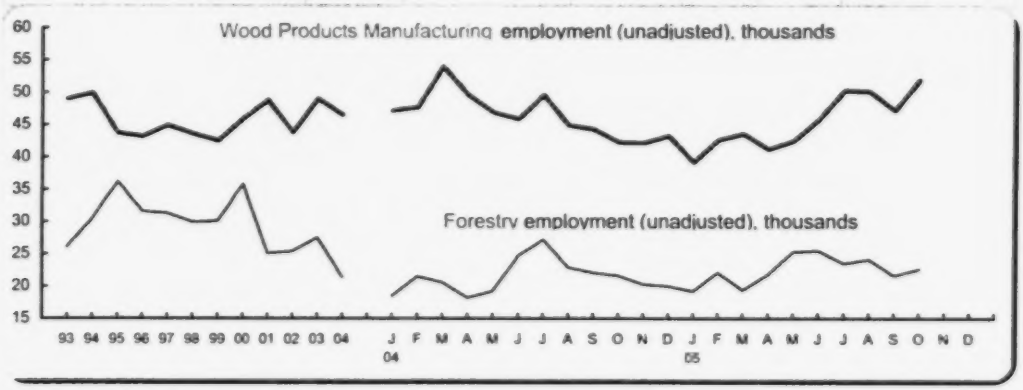
Period	Labour Force Activity: Labour Force	Employed	Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Earnings: Wages and Salaries	Average Weekly Wage Rate	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: Number of Beneficiaries	$
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA	Unadjusted		
2001	2,082.3	1,922.1	7.7	64.0	32.2	61,495.9	648.13	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,143.8	1,960.1	8.6	65.0	32.0	63,192.7	668.15	817,850	1,073,203.5
2003	2,190.5	2,014.2	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,310.1	683.82	813,520	1,059,531.1
2004	2,219.2	2,059.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	68,264.7	686.61	737,780	960,359.7
Jan-03	2,153.1	1,981.9	8.0	64.8	32.3	5,425.5	682.07	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,169.1	1,994.0	8.1	65.3	32.7	5,414.9	681.94	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,181.1	2,013.2	7.7	65.6	32.8	5,392.6	681.83	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,183.5	2,008.8	8.0	65.5	28.9	5,403.1	679.75	71,440	86,968.3
May-03	2,183.0	1,998.9	8.4	65.5	33.2	5,401.0	684.26	66,040	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,175.2	1,999.8	8.1	65.2	33.6	5,401.0	686.74	60,670	89,008.4
Jul-03	2,196.6	2,009.1	8.5	65.7	31.6	5,435.8	685.72	64,540	75,483.9
Aug-03	2,193.9	2,011.8	8.3	65.6	30.5	5,430.6	687.79	67,120	83,006.1
Sep-03	2,209.6	2,013.3	8.9	65.9	33.3	5,483.5	690.66	54,170	87,528.0
Oct-03	2,213.8	2,041.4	7.8	66.0	29.7	5,503.0	683.81	58,550	66,990.2
Nov-03	2,209.2	2,037.7	7.8	65.8	29.6	5,496.5	682.56	65,750	86,669.7
Dec-03	2,215.0	2,057.1	7.1	65.9	32.9	5,522.5	678.46	73,050	92,179.5
Jan-04	2,220.2	2,054.9	7.4	66.0	32.4	5,561.4	678.67	81,270	102,257.2
Feb-04	2,202.0	2,030.1	7.8	65.4	33.4	5,604.2	685.65	76,980	109,369.0
Mar-04	2,203.6	2,033.5	7.7	65.3	31.5	5,628.5	677.70	72,950	94,275.5
Apr-04	2,199.1	2,033.2	7.5	65.1	31.1	5,658.6	676.04	65,970	79,729.2
May-04	2,214.6	2,048.3	7.5	65.5	33.4	5,654.8	673.81	59,490	87,371.7
Jun-04	2,234.1	2,071.1	7.3	66.0	33.9	5,686.4	678.14	52,460	65,468.6
Jul-04	2,226.3	2,070.3	7.0	65.6	32.1	5,705.1	680.96	52,750	61,242.0
Aug-04	2,227.6	2,062.1	7.4	65.6	31.0	5,712.2	688.27	58,430	85,782.8
Sep-04	2,218.7	2,069.5	6.7	65.2	34.1	5,721.8	697.88	46,790	61,903.3
Oct-04	2,231.2	2,079.4	6.8	65.5	30.2	5,746.6	704.09	49,490	62,134.7
Nov-04	2,220.9	2,076.8	6.5	65.1	30.6	5,750.3	700.51	57,360	73,706.0
Dec-04	2,228.2	2,089.5	6.2	65.3	33.7	5,834.7	696.56	63,840	77,119.8
Jan-05	2,236.9	2,091.7	6.5	65.4	32.9	5,797.1	708.09	73,320	105,871.9
Feb-05	2,258.1	2,099.8	7.0	66.0	33.9	5,870.0	704.90	68,190	84,184.6
Mar-05	2,248.2	2,101.0	6.5	65.6	33.8	5,892.7	698.01	62,300	78,729.6
Apr-05	2,251.0	2,114.3	6.1	65.6	34.1	5,961.2	700.56	57,820	71,114.1
May-05	2,261.4	2,132.0	5.7	65.7	33.8	5,977.7	698.81	51,210	77,672.4
Jun-05	2,256.7	2,126.2	5.8	65.5	33.8	6,040.3	700.73	45,380	56,027.3
Jul-05	2,265.6	2,125.2	6.2	65.7	31.8	6,084.0	698.02	43,680	51,783.5
Aug-05	2,264.9	2,132.9	5.8	65.5	30.9	6,087.3	702.66	51,420	76,240.4
Sep-05	2,262.5	2,134.5	5.7	65.3	33.6	6,127.7	709.12	39,050	53,409.9
Oct-05	2,264.6	2,148.9	5.1	65.3	29.4	-	705.83	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,257.0	a 2,120.7	a 6.0	a 65.6	a 32.8	t 53,838.0	a 702.67	a 54,708	t 655.0
% change	1.8	3.2	n/a	n/a	1.5	5.7	2.7	-13.2	-12.4
Last 12 months	2,251.6	2,114.4	6.1	65.5	32.7	71,169.7	701.98	55,255	867,994.2
Previous 12	2,216.8	2,053.9	7.3	65.6	32.1	67,455.2	683.52	63,703	993,238.5
% change	1.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	1.7	5.5	2.7	-13.3	-12.6
% ch. year ago	1.5	3.3	n/a	n/a	-2.6	7.1	0.2	-16.5	-13.7
% ch prev mnth	0.1	0.7	n/a	n/a	-12.5	0.7	-0.5	-24.1	-29.9



2 Employment by Industry – Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

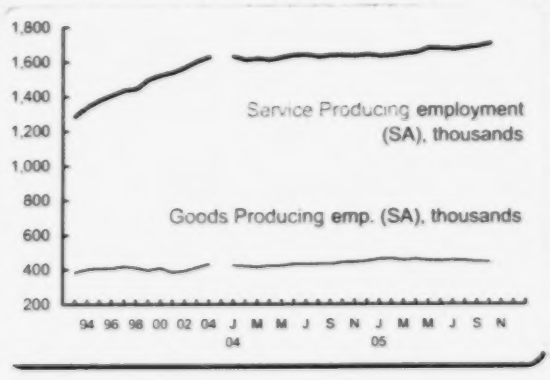
	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
Period	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2001	383.9	25.8	25.1	4.8	11.4	10.9	110.8	22.1	48.8	15.0	195.1
2002	392.3	29.6	25.4	3.1	9.2	11.3	117.4	23.6	43.8	17.0	196.4
2003	411.7	32.3	27.5	4.5	13.2	11.1	117.4	27.0	49.0	14.4	205.7
2004	431.0	36.7	21.4	2.9	11.0	9.0	141.7	25.3	46.5	11.9	208.4
Jan-03	404.6	31.6	27.8	5.2	7.4	11.3	115.1	24.6	45.5	17.9	202.6
Feb-03	409.7	33.1	27.7	3.7	11.5	12.0	115.8	25.5	50.1	15.4	204.1
Mar-03	424.4	34.7	27.2	3.8	14.7	12.6	121.5	22.2	51.4	15.5	208.2
Apr-03	408.9	32.4	26.0	1.9	13.8	11.6	110.3	24.0	50.3	14.6	206.8
May-03	413.9	31.9	26.2	2.4	18.0	11.3	113.9	24.5	53.4	14.7	208.6
Jun-03	411.3	30.5	28.6	4.5	14.5	11.1	116.3	25.3	51.8	17.0	206.3
Jul-03	412.4	31.2	32.9	4.2	15.7	10.6	117.7	26.5	50.2	16.1	205.4
Aug-03	408.0	32.2	27.7	6.2	11.3	10.8	117.1	28.9	46.5	15.2	206.3
Sep-03	407.6	31.4	28.9	5.6	12.7	10.8	116.9	27.6	43.9	12.7	203.8
Oct-03	415.6	31.9	28.1	6.5	15.1	10.9	119.8	32.3	48.5	12.9	206.3
Nov-03	413.8	35.1	25.4	6.3	10.5	10.8	121.3	30.8	50.2	11.4	204.5
Dec-03	411.3	32.8	23.3	3.8	12.7	9.4	122.4	31.8	46.5	9.5	206.1
Jan-04	425.2	35.6	18.5	5.0	10.8	9.2	131.8	36.3	47.2	10.5	211.3
Feb-04	419.6	36.5	21.5	3.2	11.1	8.3	126.4	27.6	47.7	10.9	211.0
Mar-04	415.6	35.3	20.6	3.0	8.9	9.4	131.2	24.3	54.0	9.4	205.9
Apr-04	422.7	37.0	18.2	2.7	8.4	10.0	134.6	23.7	49.6	10.3	207.5
May-04	423.0	39.3	19.2	3.5	10.2	10.4	134.0	22.6	46.9	14.2	205.3
Jun-04	433.2	39.3	24.7	2.9	10.1	10.4	141.1	21.7	45.9	14.5	205.2
Jul-04	431.5	37.1	27.2	2.5	9.8	9.1	140.5	18.5	49.6	13.4	209.5
Aug-04	433.3	36.1	22.9	3.6	10.5	10.1	143.2	22.1	44.9	11.8	209.6
Sep-04	432.7	33.3	22.1	2.5	11.0	8.5	148.3	22.2	44.3	11.3	208.9
Oct-04	442.6	37.4	21.6	2.4	13.0	8.0	153.7	26.8	42.3	12.7	208.7
Nov-04	443.8	35.4	20.3	1.6	13.3	7.1	155.6	29.3	42.2	11.2	210.5
Dec-04	448.1	38.8	20.0	2.6	14.9	7.5	156.8	28.4	43.3	13.2	208.2
Jan-05	460.4	40.6	19.2	-	13.8	8.0	166.2	33.0	39.2	12.5	208.8
Feb-05	463.1	41.8	22.1	1.6	12.6	9.3	168.9	33.2	42.7	12.5	205.6
Mar-05	454.0	41.3	19.4	-	14.5	10.1	168.2	30.2	43.6	12.9	198.5
Apr-05	459.9	42.6	21.8	-	12.0	10.3	173.0	26.7	41.2	13.8	194.1
May-05	452.7	38.8	25.3	3.0	12.5	12.8	166.0	27.4	42.5	13.7	193.6
Jun-05	450.3	40.7	25.5	4.9	12.9	13.3	164.0	24.7	45.8	11.0	190.4
Jul-05	454.2	43.2	23.5	2.1	14.3	12.8	164.0	30.4	50.3	12.3	198.8
Aug-05	451.5	39.1	24.1	1.7	14.6	11.6	168.7	27.5	50.1	12.8	194.4
Sep-05	446.1	35.4	21.6	1.7	13.6	11.0	166.7	23.3	47.2	9.7	197.3
Oct-05	444.1	36.4	22.6	3.2	14.6	11.2	164.7	21.5	51.9	9.9	194.1
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 453.6	a 40.0	a 22.5	a 1.8	a 13.5	a 11.0	a 167.0	a 27.8	a 45.5	a 12.1	a 197.6
% change	6.0	9.0	4.0	-41.9	30.4	18.2	20.6	13.1	-3.8	1.8	-5.2
Last 12 months	452.4	39.5	22.1	1.9	13.6	10.4	165.2	28.0	45.0	12.1	199.5
Previous 12	425.4	36.2	22.1	3.5	10.6	9.5	135.7	25.7	47.4	11.7	207.8
% change	6.3	9.0	0.1	-45.9	28.8	10.0	21.8	8.8	-5.1	4.0	-4.0
% ch. year ago	0.3	-2.7	4.6	33.3	12.3	40.0	7.2	-19.8	22.7	-22.0	-7.0
% ch prev mnth	-0.4	2.8	4.6	88.2	7.4	1.8	-1.2	-7.7	10.0	2.1	-1.6

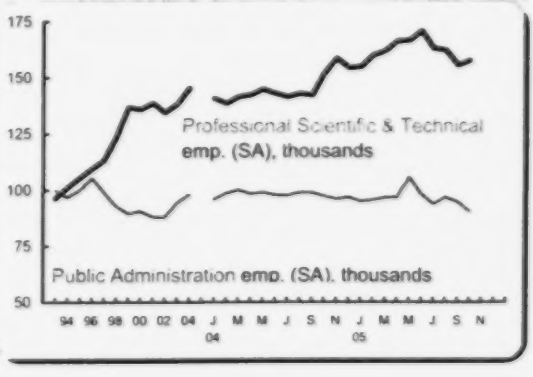


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2001	1,538.2	304.0	112.6	122.1	138.6	138.4	197.9	105.3	164.2	88.0
2002	1,567.9	323.4	112.2	125.7	134.5	137.5	211.6	105.8	162.4	87.8
2003	1,602.5	329.5	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.4	213.5	107.1	161.9	94.1
2004	1,628.7	320.6	117.7	131.5	145.2	135.1	219.5	111.4	174.8	97.9
Jan-03	1,577.3	338.8	117.3	128.7	130.5	142.9	206.0	101.2	157.3	89.0
Feb-03	1,584.3	333.3	117.8	128.8	130.5	144.5	213.5	100.5	156.4	93.2
Mar-03	1,588.8	328.3	120.4	128.1	134.4	146.9	211.6	101.3	159.7	88.4
Apr-03	1,600.0	332.1	120.6	129.9	134.0	141.8	215.4	106.6	157.3	89.1
May-03	1,585.0	325.3	120.9	122.9	131.9	141.1	215.1	110.1	156.6	90.3
Jun-03	1,588.5	326.0	115.9	126.8	134.2	137.0	216.9	107.5	159.5	94.4
Jul-03	1,596.7	324.5	113.8	124.4	141.4	140.3	214.1	109.3	160.8	97.8
Aug-03	1,603.8	325.4	119.1	122.9	145.3	140.3	210.3	107.4	165.3	94.1
Sep-03	1,605.7	331.4	114.4	123.9	143.7	131.9	211.2	112.2	167.5	96.0
Oct-03	1,625.9	330.9	117.4	125.4	145.0	140.8	213.6	108.9	166.6	99.6
Nov-03	1,623.9	328.3	119.9	127.2	143.2	136.9	214.5	108.1	166.5	98.4
Dec-03	1,645.8	328.5	123.5	126.4	143.8	139.3	220.0	110.7	169.3	97.4
Jan-04	1,629.8	339.6	119.7	128.2	140.8	138.7	215.6	109.1	163.6	95.9
Feb-04	1,610.6	325.5	116.3	124.4	138.5	137.3	212.5	111.7	168.3	98.6
Mar-04	1,617.9	331.2	112.9	129.8	141.5	132.4	220.7	108.3	168.3	100.1
Apr-04	1,610.4	320.0	117.0	131.7	142.4	132.4	218.6	105.4	173.3	98.3
May-04	1,625.3	322.8	117.9	131.8	144.8	136.9	217.2	104.7	170.7	98.9
Jun-04	1,637.9	321.3	123.1	129.9	143.0	137.0	224.4	112.3	176.5	97.9
Jul-04	1,638.9	324.6	124.4	127.9	141.5	134.9	221.6	113.0	177.7	97.6
Aug-04	1,628.8	316.4	118.3	138.5	143.0	128.1	218.5	116.6	177.0	99.0
Sep-04	1,636.7	314.2	118.0	132.3	142.2	138.6	226.3	115.1	178.2	98.8
Oct-04	1,636.8	311.4	118.3	134.3	152.0	135.0	217.7	115.7	179.4	97.3
Nov-04	1,633.0	310.3	113.3	133.1	158.5	136.2	218.4	111.4	181.6	96.0
Dec-04	1,641.3	311.9	113.0	136.1	154.3	133.2	222.7	112.8	182.7	96.7
Jan-05	1,631.2	318.8	115.0	131.0	154.8	134.1	215.6	109.5	178.4	95.0
Feb-05	1,636.8	322.4	114.5	133.2	160.1	138.5	216.3	105.3	166.0	95.6
Mar-05	1,647.0	327.6	114.9	139.9	161.9	138.7	212.6	98.6	166.9	96.6
Apr-05	1,654.3	322.3	111.5	136.5	166.3	146.2	210.5	99.7	178.1	96.9
May-05	1,679.2	328.9	118.3	139.6	166.6	148.6	205.2	97.0	180.1	105.6
Jun-05	1,675.9	322.2	116.7	143.2	170.8	152.6	204.9	107.9	174.7	98.2
Jul-05	1,670.9	321.6	125.8	139.3	163.0	155.3	208.6	104.0	180.6	93.8
Aug-05	1,681.4	333.8	123.2	137.9	162.3	152.7	215.5	103.2	175.4	96.7
Sep-05	1,688.5	342.1	127.7	129.5	155.6	152.3	217.1	115.3	177.4	94.7
Oct-05	1,704.8	362.4	124.1	131.4	157.6	141.3	219.4	119.1	178.3	90.6
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,667.0	a 330.2	a 119.2	a 136.2	a 161.9	a 146.0	a 212.6	a 106.0	a 175.6	a 96.4
% change	2.4	2.3	0.5	4.0	13.2	8.1	-3.1	-4.7	1.3	-1.9
Last 12 months	1,662.0	327.0	118.2	135.9	161.0	144.1	213.9	107.0	176.7	96.4
Previous 12	1,628.6	323.7	119.1	130.2	143.1	135.6	219.0	110.9	172.4	98.2
% change	2.1	1.0	-0.8	4.4	12.5	6.3	-2.3	-3.5	2.5	-1.9
% ch. year ago	4.2	16.4	4.9	-2.2	3.7	4.7	0.8	2.9	-0.6	-6.9
% ch prev mnth	1.0	5.9	-2.8	1.5	1.3	-7.2	1.1	3.3	0.5	-4.3

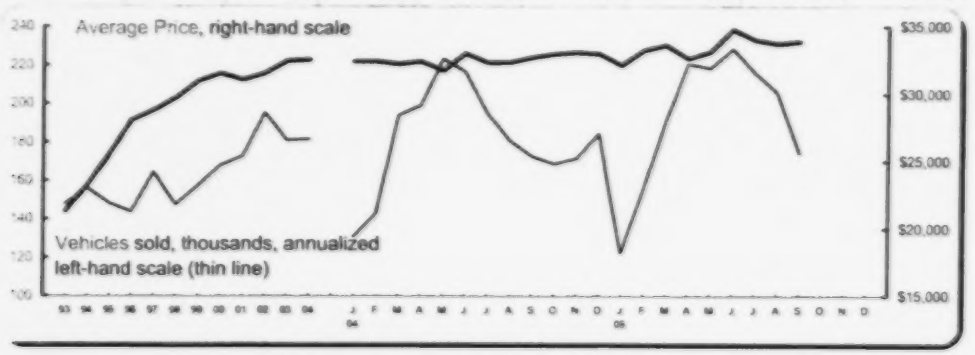




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

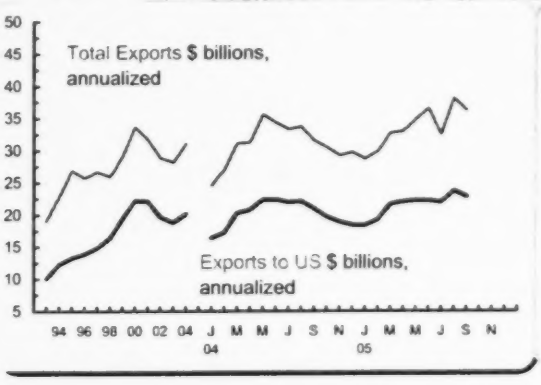
	Business				Consumer				
		Business	Bankruptcies (Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada)		Consumer	Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Incorpora-tions	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2001	35,884.7	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	40,718.9	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	38,467.9	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	43,265.0	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
2003	39,910.7	23,243	1,002	9,385	120.4	44,421.0	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
2004	43,856.9	25,428	922	8,378	122.8	47,216.6	2,750.8	181,605	5,907,610
Jan-03	3,478.7	2,122	101	731	119.0	3,695.4	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	3,450.7	1,804	93	857	119.6	3,733.6	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	3,403.0	1,952	103	879	120.6	3,600.8	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	3,264.9	1,844	92	862	120.4	3,635.9	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	3,242.6	1,747	68	761	120.4	3,648.3	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	3,196.9	2,047	93	840	120.2	3,659.9	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	3,229.5	1,837	81	821	120.5	3,688.7	197.8	16,982	546,553
Aug-03	3,193.2	1,818	61	684	120.9	3,809.1	214.1	15,961	516,156
Sep-03	3,306.8	2,056	87	767	121.2	3,726.9	197.6	14,310	482,072
Oct-03	3,320.3	2,023	75	827	120.6	3,711.1	211.5	13,784	455,682
Nov-03	3,390.7	2,050	73	709	120.8	3,747.4	253.9	14,389	460,714
Dec-03	3,433.3	1,943	75	655	120.9	3,764.0	370.8	14,242	471,844
Jan-04	3,396.3	2,115	79	665	120.8	3,780.9	162.3	10,894	353,088
Feb-04	3,391.6	2,015	71	757	121.3	3,790.0	168.7	11,896	385,560
Mar-04	3,496.5	2,045	89	877	121.6	3,895.5	191.2	16,155	520,301
Apr-04	3,624.4	2,109	94	730	122.4	3,901.9	213.5	16,582	537,134
May-04	3,625.7	2,156	73	692	123.4	3,917.2	220.2	18,600	589,843
Jun-04	3,658.3	2,337	75	832	123.6	3,943.1	223.2	18,040	595,439
Jul-04	3,794.5	2,075	68	618	123.4	3,986.5	228.5	16,246	524,992
Aug-04	3,804.1	2,031	74	610	123.3	3,972.2	227.6	15,073	487,328
Sep-04	3,747.8	2,022	57	681	123.5	3,997.9	224.6	14,388	470,545
Oct-04	3,825.7	2,015	79	684	123.5	4,029.0	235.7	14,063	463,546
Nov-04	3,724.6	2,109	81	643	123.7	4,008.3	259.9	14,293	472,926
Dec-04	3,767.4	2,399	81	597	123.5	3,994.2	395.4	15,375	506,908
Jan-05	3,676.7	2,141	52	665	123.6	3,983.5	179.1	10,199	327,696
Feb-05	3,830.7	2,223	70	798	123.8	4,095.6	176.7	12,920	429,511
Mar-05	3,964.6	2,450	74	742	124.1	4,125.5	214.9	15,901	534,497
Apr-05	3,899.0	2,460	64	741	124.9	4,133.5	224.0	18,393	599,968
May-05	3,991.9	2,445	77	739	125.2	4,137.2	230.0	18,206	603,311
Jun-05	3,978.0	2,584	61	707	125.4	4,135.8	226.1	19,041	662,610
Jul-05	3,912.2	2,220	60	628	125.7	4,214.3	235.5	18,002	612,133
Aug-05	4,074.3	2,331	76	647	125.9	4,295.3	233.0	17,153	578,802
Sep-05	4,103.6	2,419	66	670	126.5	4,280.7	235.1	14,531	492,415
Oct-05	-	2,408	-	-	126.3	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 35,431.0	t 23,681	t 600	t 6,337	a 125.1	t 37,401.4	t 1,954.3	t 144,346	t 4,840,943
% change	8.9	13.2	-11.8	-1.9	2.0	6.3	5.1	4.7	8.4
Last 12 months	46,748.7	28,189	841	8,261	124.9	49,432.8	2,845.3	188,077	6,284,323
Previous 12	42,683.5	24,913	903	8,653	122.4	46,407.7	2,696.0	180,289	5,852,470
% change	9.5	13.1	-6.9	-4.5	2.0	6.5	5.5	4.3	7.4
% ch. year ago	9.5	19.5	15.8	-1.6	2.3	7.1	4.7	1.0	4.6
% ch. prev mnth	0.7	-0.5	-13.2	3.6	-0.2	-0.3	0.9	-15.3	-14.9

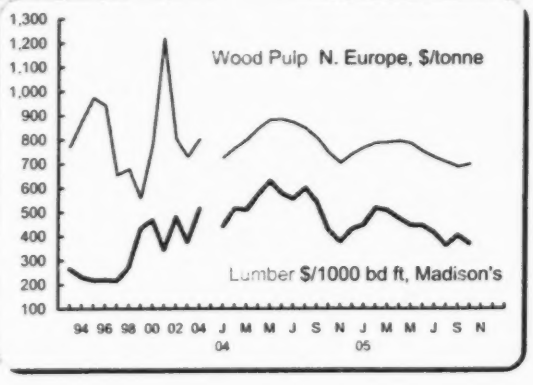


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
2001	31,679.7	22,104.4	4,066.1	31,640.7	344.86	1,218.08	1.11	419.83	6.79	7.45	40.08
2002	28,828.4	19,665.8	3,858.5	31,533.2	480.11	804.60	1.11	486.82	7.23	6.77	40.95
2003	28,191.7	18,792.3	3,649.4	31,263.0	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
2004	30,977.6	20,121.2	3,799.5	32,873.7	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
Jan-03	2,359.4	1,561.5	308.4	2,405.5	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	50.76
Feb-03	2,307.3	1,505.3	302.4	2,454.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	54.25
Mar-03	2,626.8	1,773.7	321.1	2,908.9	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	49.52
Apr-03	2,438.3	1,585.4	346.3	2,843.3	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	41.20
May-03	2,335.0	1,562.6	333.6	2,668.4	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	38.96
Jun-03	2,270.8	1,547.4	282.2	2,669.8	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	41.54
Jul-03	2,383.6	1,649.3	310.8	2,527.1	380.61	725.92	1.08	483.25	6.59	0.51	42.50
Aug-03	2,412.8	1,644.6	287.8	2,392.2	437.68	713.99	1.12	502.11	6.98	0.52	44.09
Sep-03	2,395.2	1,623.5	318.0	2,682.3	490.22	706.94	1.10	516.59	7.05	0.50	38.57
Oct-03	2,285.6	1,537.1	276.5	2,839.9	391.27	708.01	1.15	500.75	6.57	0.54	40.09
Nov-03	2,127.0	1,387.9	261.4	2,461.6	397.71	723.23	1.22	511.60	6.80	0.54	40.81
Dec-03	2,249.9	1,414.0	300.9	2,409.4	397.79	733.87	1.31	534.94	7.38	0.58	42.21
Jan-04	2,052.1	1,367.5	247.3	2,149.3	441.93	725.75	1.43	536.18	8.18	0.60	44.41
Feb-04	2,247.3	1,434.5	283.4	2,440.6	515.64	765.48	1.66	538.07	8.56	0.65	46.17
Mar-04	2,589.8	1,689.8	322.1	3,026.9	508.76	798.34	1.81	540.20	9.60	0.66	48.83
Apr-04	2,605.4	1,731.7	279.4	2,682.8	574.57	845.74	1.79	541.36	9.48	0.63	49.25
May-04	2,966.3	1,863.3	389.9	2,945.2	628.52	882.13	1.61	528.97	8.06	0.61	55.52
Jun-04	2,860.4	1,865.1	382.9	2,866.1	577.01	883.84	1.66	532.62	7.96	0.62	51.62
Jul-04	2,773.2	1,829.6	340.4	2,801.4	555.22	871.16	1.69	526.25	8.34	0.59	53.79
Aug-04	2,804.8	1,841.6	349.2	2,828.4	599.48	847.40	1.69	525.31	8.74	0.58	58.95
Sep-04	2,629.1	1,749.4	328.3	2,877.3	543.45	807.45	1.69	521.92	8.24	0.57	59.17
Oct-04	2,538.7	1,639.9	287.7	2,862.7	425.21	745.67	1.70	524.29	8.85	0.60	66.25
Nov-04	2,434.6	1,576.9	275.1	2,877.5	376.76	703.29	1.67	525.54	8.95	0.60	57.96
Dec-04	2,476.0	1,531.9	313.9	2,515.4	430.35	741.22	1.73	538.58	8.66	0.66	52.82
Jan-05	2,389.8	1,527.2	265.4	2,522.0	447.25	767.06	1.76	519.58	8.10	0.69	57.39
Feb-05	2,485.4	1,599.7	303.1	2,674.9	516.94	785.95	1.82	524.69	8.71	0.74	59.47
Mar-05	2,723.1	1,804.5	308.5	3,054.5	507.11	788.03	1.86	528.16	8.83	0.75	66.05
Apr-05	2,744.4	1,836.1	304.5	2,867.5	473.40	794.76	1.90	530.57	8.80	0.73	65.56
May-05	2,898.6	1,852.3	376.8	3,009.9	444.45	783.44	1.85	529.69	8.81	0.70	62.56
Jun-05	3,039.6	1,849.6	406.1	3,072.7	444.00	750.33	1.98	534.11	9.18	0.72	69.77
Jul-05	2,706.0	1,831.4	337.7	2,635.2	413.29	726.31	2.01	518.99	8.57	0.66	71.78
Aug-05	3,168.0	1,975.8	375.3	3,193.3	362.41	706.76	2.07	527.28	8.48	0.71	78.23
Sep-05	3,017.7	1,898.0	429.2	3,162.5	403.91	687.71	2.06	537.04	8.42	0.74	77.21
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	368.58	698.30	2.17	553.24	9.03	0.79	73.45
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 25,172.7	t 16,174.5	t 3,106.6	t 26,192.6	a 438.13	a 748.87	a 1.95	a 530.34	a 8.69	a 0.72	a 68.15
% change	7.0	5.2	6.3	6.4	-18.4	-8.4	16.4	-0.2	1.1	18.3	27.6
Last 12 months	32,622.0	20,923.3	3,983.2	34,448.3	432.37	744.43	1.91	530.62	8.71	0.71	66.02
Previous 12	30,190.7	19,711.5	3,761.6	32,328.9	513.77	802.51	1.61	530.14	8.35	0.60	51.42
% change	8.1	6.1	5.9	6.6	-15.8	-7.2	18.8	0.1	4.3	17.4	28.4
% ch. year ago	14.8	8.5	30.8	9.9	-13.3	-6.4	27.6	5.5	2.0	31.7	10.9
% ch prev mnth	-4.7	-3.9	14.4	-1.0	-8.7	1.5	5.3	3.0	7.2	6.8	-4.9

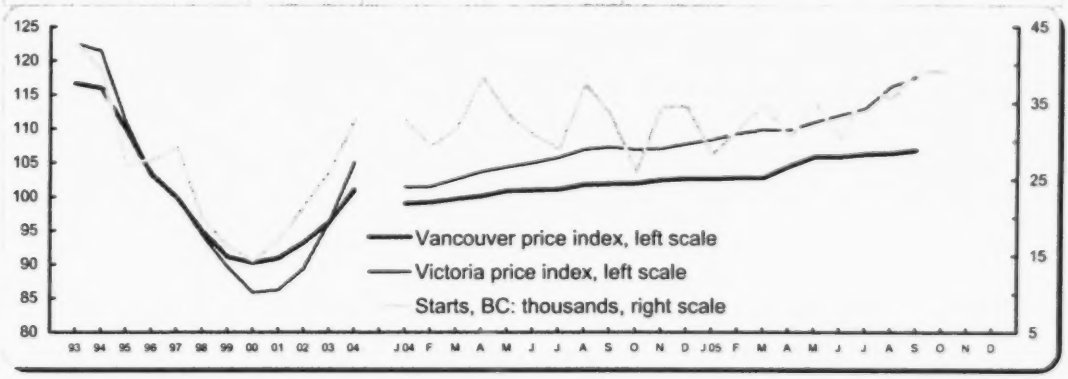




6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

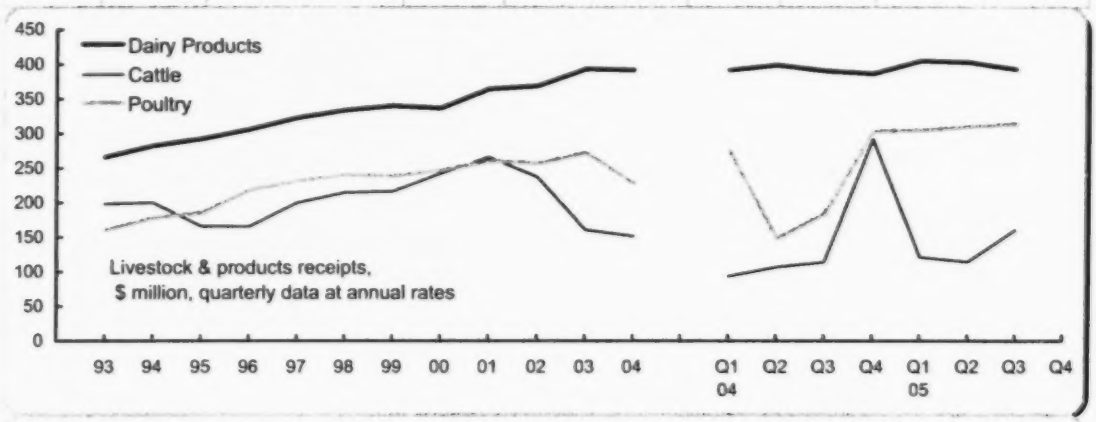
	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada)					Housing Starts	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada)		MLS® Average
	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	All Areas	Vancouver	Victoria	Sale Price
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
Period	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2001	4,954,772	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	90.9	86.2	220,952
2002	5,659,415	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	93.2	89.3	238,758
2003	6,394,238	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
Jan-03	481,441	319,116	18,846	107,332	36,147	19.2	94.2	91.6	242,202
Feb-03	399,519	282,881	11,044	73,104	32,490	26.0	95.0	92.2	252,186
Mar-03	536,734	419,344	10,789	79,820	26,781	24.8	95.3	92.8	252,979
Apr-03	521,648	331,637	36,824	98,387	54,800	24.2	95.6	93.9	250,071
May-03	498,262	359,113	13,091	98,525	27,533	20.9	96.4	94.2	250,522
Jun-03	479,935	342,127	16,070	84,186	37,552	22.8	96.5	95.7	256,107
Jul-03	592,734	384,395	35,241	107,044	66,054	30.2	96.7	96.8	255,162
Aug-03	517,403	365,844	16,783	92,399	42,377	27.3	96.5	98.1	264,008
Sep-03	712,974	485,325	23,417	108,930	95,302	31.9	96.6	98.7	267,870
Oct-03	532,720	392,589	30,595	82,263	27,273	33.7	97.1	99.7	271,750
Nov-03	530,766	373,473	20,284	110,006	27,003	26.4	97.5	100.4	278,780
Dec-03	590,101	458,338	11,040	87,629	33,094	27.2	97.6	100.9	276,371
Jan-04	640,322	473,262	6,975	137,537	22,548	32.8	99.0	101.4	274,852
Feb-04	625,773	492,787	24,844	98,213	9,929	29.5	99.2	101.5	282,348
Mar-04	575,877	435,899	15,345	96,286	28,347	31.8	99.7	102.6	286,844
Apr-04	586,608	459,848	13,719	93,903	19,138	38.5	100.1	103.7	291,398
May-04	579,501	441,574	17,612	84,062	36,253	33.6	100.9	104.4	289,975
Jun-04	1,028,549	775,697	48,218	142,886	61,748	30.9	101.0	105.0	287,158
Jul-04	607,230	440,474	27,024	68,784	70,948	29.1	101.1	105.8	281,604
Aug-04	608,297	412,654	37,720	118,517	39,406	37.6	101.8	107.0	285,140
Sep-04	716,017	550,565	28,060	101,576	35,816	33.6	101.9	107.3	287,547
Oct-04	531,157	422,713	14,598	78,441	15,405	26.1	102.0	107.0	301,576
Nov-04	791,418	566,501	68,221	92,032	64,664	34.6	102.5	107.1	296,667
Dec-04	647,976	396,963	25,714	115,788	109,511	34.6	102.7	107.8	303,977
Jan-05	652,427	467,530	20,733	110,574	53,590	28.3	102.7	108.4	292,931
Feb-05	800,047	555,395	14,641	192,150	37,861	31.7	102.8	109.3	312,594
Mar-05	906,372	523,919	29,540	247,350	105,563	35.0	102.8	109.9	320,262
Apr-05	861,759	591,849	24,761	205,096	40,053	30.5	104.5	109.8	323,674
May-05	804,504	528,840	18,409	148,599	108,656	35.2	105.9	111.0	331,021
Jun-05	863,428	538,775	41,145	161,627	121,881	30.5	105.9	112.0	330,291
Jul-05	770,989	489,766	44,321	114,350	122,552	36.7	106.3	113.0	334,675
Aug-05	965,338	664,688	37,498	153,203	109,949	35.7	106.4	116.2	334,802
Sep-05	906,323	661,190	16,409	169,774	58,950	39.3	106.8	117.6	348,803
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	39.2	-	-	347,581
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 7,531,187	t 7,630,157	t 247,457	t 1,502,723	t 759,055	a 34.2	a 104.9	a 111.9	a 327,663
% change	26.2	23.6	12.7	59.6	134.2	5.7	4.4	7.3	14.2
Last 12 months	9,501,738	9,393,882	355,990	1,788,984	948,635	34.3	104.3	110.8	323,107
Previous 12	7,621,761	7,650,434	281,436	1,221,662	411,503	31.4	99.7	103.3	285,299
% change	24.7	22.8	26.5	46.4	130.5	9.1	4.5	7.2	13.3
% ch. year ago	26.6	29.4	-41.5	67.1	64.6	50.2	4.8	9.6	15.3
% ch prev mnth	-6.1	-14.8	-56.2	10.8	-46.4	-0.3	0.4	1.2	-0.4

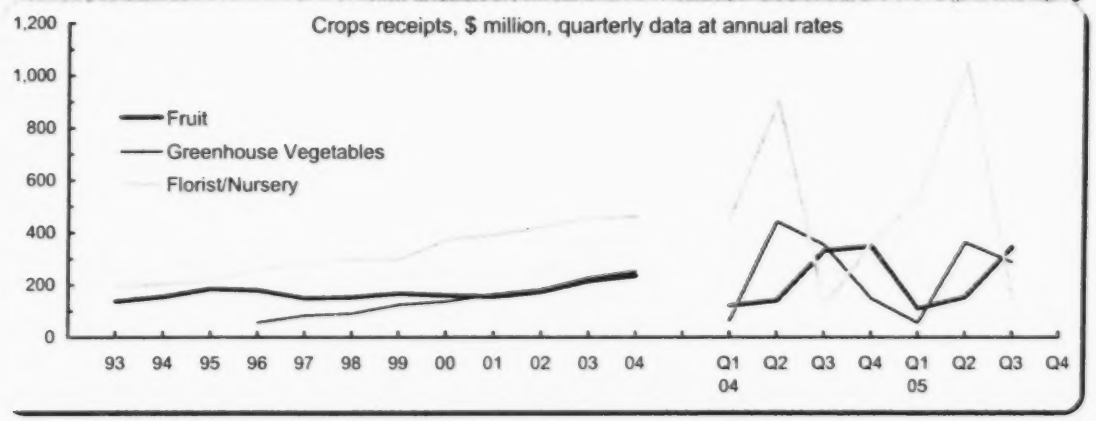


7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total Farm Cash Receipts
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2001	364,478	265,941	260,897	279,450	1,170,766	154,782	163,835	394,354	280,866	993,837	2,224,466
2002	368,630	237,056	257,753	266,186	1,129,625	173,978	180,247	423,694	256,525	1,034,444	2,194,984
2003	393,102	160,624	272,982	254,977	1,081,685	215,266	226,209	459,247	243,435	1,144,157	2,285,248
2004	391,731	151,494	228,431	240,460	1,012,116	235,706	251,881	465,365	254,836	1,207,788	2,407,456
Q1-03	97,255	57,218	63,149	59,076	276,698	26,237	14,310	114,810	58,179	213,536	498,025
Q2-03	99,044	32,406	69,928	50,075	251,453	32,295	99,781	223,474	43,664	399,214	655,036
Q3-03	98,158	17,644	71,786	57,351	244,939	75,319	79,048	30,509	66,383	251,259	507,312
Q4-03	98,645	53,356	68,119	88,475	308,595	81,415	33,070	90,454	75,209	280,148	624,875
Q1-04	97,946	23,435	68,963	59,572	249,916	30,324	15,765	116,340	60,381	222,810	499,379
Q2-04	99,669	26,659	37,232	42,196	205,756	35,427	110,673	226,609	40,897	413,606	656,731
Q3-04	97,554	28,547	46,248	49,976	222,325	82,908	88,300	31,553	74,226	276,987	513,178
Q4-04	96,562	72,853	75,988	88,716	334,119	87,047	37,143	90,863	79,332	294,385	738,168
Q1-05	101,163	30,336	76,294	56,086	263,879	27,520	13,771	134,858	55,771	231,920	536,957
Q2-05	100,652	28,564	77,676	45,471	252,363	38,542	90,723	262,681	40,621	432,567	733,078
Q3-05	98,163	40,122	78,556	60,128	276,969	86,347	71,875	36,576	80,232	275,030	560,930
Q4-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 299,978	t 99,022	t 232,526	t 161,685	t 793,211	t 152,409	t 176,369	t 434,115	t 176,624	t 939,517	t 1,830,965
% change	1.6	25.9	52.5	6.6	17.0	2.5	-17.9	15.9	0.6	2.9	9.7
Last 4 quarters	396,540	171,875	308,514	250,401	1,127,330	239,456	213,512	524,978	255,956	1,233,902	2,569,133
Previous 4	393,814	131,997	220,562	240,219	986,592	230,074	247,808	464,956	250,713	1,193,551	2,294,163
% change	0.7	30.2	39.9	4.2	14.3	4.1	-13.8	12.9	2.1	3.4	12.0
% ch. year ago	0.6	40.5	69.9	20.3	24.6	1.5	-18.6	15.9	12.9	-0.7	9.3
% ch. prev qtr	-2.5	40.5	1.1	32.2	9.8	98.1	-20.8	-86.1	130.2	-36.4	-23.5





8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Cubic metres (000s)		Cubic metres	Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2001	72,212	32,605.7	1,563,884	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,519	35,500.9	1,680,352	1,159	1,731	2,890	4,477	1,171	1,729	7,380
2003	61,925	36,030.9	1,733,080	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
2004	92,361	39,879.3	1,863,057	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
Jan-03	5,290	3,246.8	146,395	106	154	260	441	104	145	689
Feb-03	9,296	3,168.1	143,287	95	141	236	390	90	153	633
Mar-03	10,494	3,346.8	147,246	106	143	249	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,288.3	153,464	102	148	250	374	100	152	626
May-03	4,933	3,092.9	138,689	97	154	251	336	96	150	582
Jun-03	2,615	2,906.8	146,246	88	116	204	358	104	132	594
Jul-03	2,884	2,948.2	135,981	103	124	227	434	97	133	593
Aug-03	4,805	2,492.7	130,438	102	121	223	416	94	137	646
Sep-03	4,126	2,852.1	147,744	92	125	217	448	102	133	683
Oct-03	3,647	3,354.8	166,120	101	166	267	382	90	156	628
Nov-03	69	2,707.2	141,692	100	152	252	371	104	149	625
Dec-03	9,362	2,626.2	135,778	98	148	246	419	95	145	659
Jan-04	8,387	3,023.5	165,383	103	151	254	389	96	139	624
Feb-04	4,894	3,170.3	136,844	96	147	243	387	96	140	622
Mar-04	15,492	3,557.0	154,530	98	164	262	386	112	171	669
Apr-04	8,174	3,554.6	168,132	102	156	258	388	89	155	631
May-04	6,313	3,148.0	152,888	95	147	242	392	97	156	645
Jun-04	5,090	3,387.1	154,608	84	145	229	353	103	154	610
Jul-04	6,876	3,407.2	155,068	96	159	255	360	93	159	612
Aug-04	7,327	3,167.9	150,452	88	156	244	350	82	147	580
Sep-04	7,002	3,440.7	154,500	85	153	238	391	89	150	630
Oct-04	8,338	3,699.3	164,606	104	148	252	449	86	149	684
Nov-04	7,822	3,263.7	154,964	92	149	241	415	96	155	665
Dec-04	6,646	3,060.0	151,082	101	168	269	464	96	166	726
Jan-05	6,849	3,496.5	162,852	90	162	252	390	85	156	631
Feb-05	7,966	3,393.5	141,470	87	146	233	371	90	151	612
Mar-05	9,031	3,452.2	147,391	90	151	241	398	96	151	646
Apr-05	7,460	3,804.3	167,804	86	159	245	392	92	157	641
May-05	3,925	3,269.7	151,197	85	141	226	386	84	147	618
Jun-05	4,373	3,509.2	154,568	84	151	235	423	88	149	660
Jul-05	7,536	3,516.2	159,965	92	159	251	354	65	146	565
Aug-05	7,023	3,345.1	156,962	84	162	246	461	95	168	724
Sep-05	7,452	3,405.1	147,067	84	160	244	443	97	158	698
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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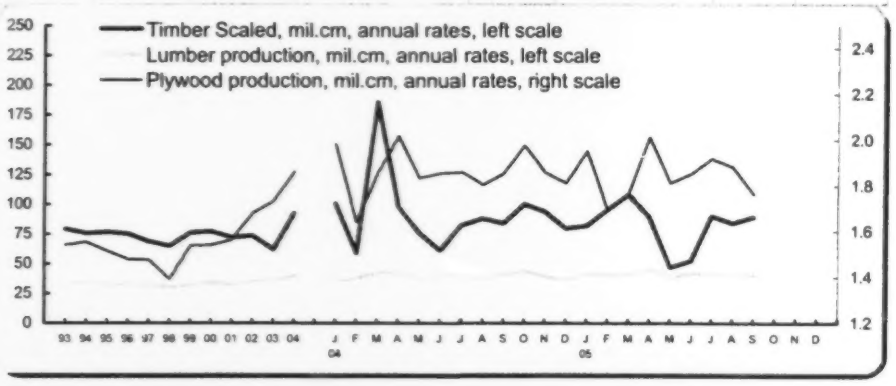
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 61,615	t 31,192	t 1,389,276	t 782	t 1,391	t 2,173	t 3,618	t 792	t 1,383	t 5,795
% change	-11.4	4.5	-0.2	-7.7	0.9	-2.3	6.5	-7.6	0.9	3.1
Last 12 months	84,421	41,215	1,859,928	1,079	1,856	2,935	4,946	1,070	1,853	7,870
Previous 12	82,633	38,545	1,835,995	1,146	1,844	2,990	4,568	1,146	1,821	7,535
% change	2.2	6.9	1.3	-5.8	0.7	-1.8	8.3	-6.6	1.8	4.4
% ch. year ago	6.4	-1.0	-4.8	-1.2	4.6	2.5	13.3	9.0	5.3	10.8
% ch prev mnth	6.1	1.8	-6.3	0.0	-1.2	-0.8	-3.9	2.1	-6.0	-3.6



9 Mining and Energy

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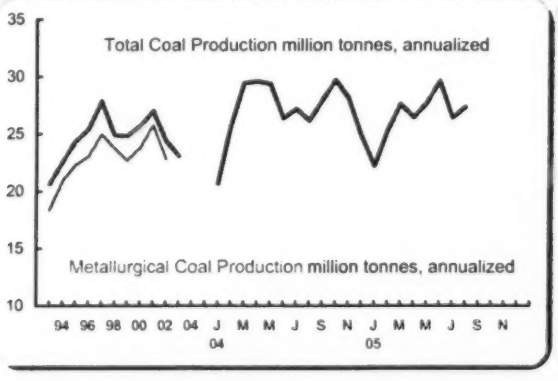
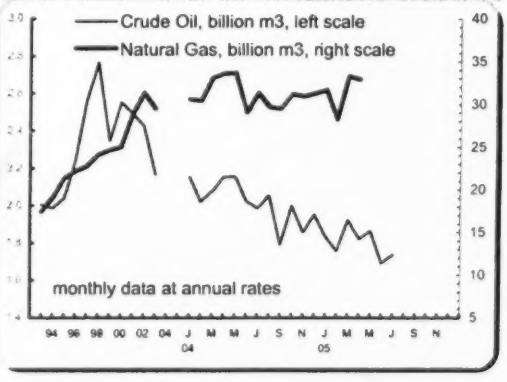
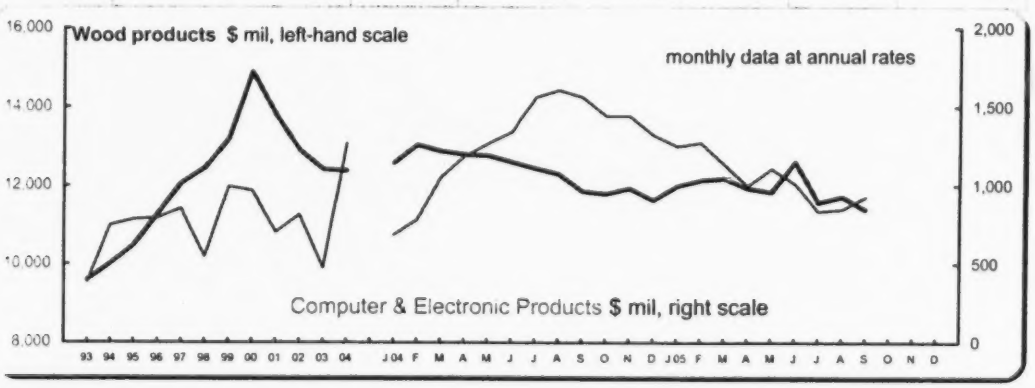
	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
Period	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,006.0	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	22,821.7	24,397.0	248.3	6.3	68.0	8.0	21.7	652.7	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
2003	-	-	23,061.0	245.5	20.0	65.7	8.9	22.9	676.9	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,050,922
2004	-	-	27,082.0	239.9	2.3	44.7	9.5	20.1	593.3	-	-	60,595,613
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,897.0	19.6	2.0	8.0	0.8	1.5	36.6	2,449.3	181.6	6,305,368
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.0	18.7	1.5	7.2	0.7	1.6	47.6	2,211.7	160.1	5,415,832
Mar-03	-	-	1,965.0	20.2	1.6	0.4	0.8	2.1	77.1	2,507.3	167.0	5,452,418
Apr-03	-	-	1,992.0	20.7	1.7	6.7	0.8	1.6	54.8	2,544.6	175.2	4,399,687
May-03	-	-	2,124.0	21.3	1.8	6.7	0.6	2.0	56.8	2,567.7	193.1	4,373,885
Jun-03	-	-	1,781.0	18.7	1.4	6.6	0.7	2.1	45.5	2,419.6	184.9	4,296,546
Jul-03	-	-	1,768.0	20.4	1.8	2.9	0.6	1.6	49.3	2,311.8	183.3	5,246,845
Aug-03	-	-	1,478.0	21.8	1.6	6.3	0.7	2.2	65.2	2,524.6	182.9	5,339,448
Sep-03	-	-	1,943.0	20.8	1.9	6.0	0.9	2.3	73.3	2,443.4	181.8	4,806,675
Oct-03	-	-	2,125.0	21.6	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.6	46.5	2,525.4	193.0	4,959,737
Nov-03	-	-	2,121.0	18.8	1.5	3.9	0.8	1.9	57.6	2,447.0	182.8	5,960,032
Dec-03	-	-	1,868.0	22.8	1.9	10.8	0.8	2.5	66.6	2,531.0	182.5	6,494,449
Jan-04	-	-	1,721.0	15.2	-	-	0.7	0.9	32.5	2,548.7	179.4	6,694,914
Feb-04	-	-	2,137.0	17.3	-	-	0.8	1.1	38.0	2,535.2	168.5	5,443,423
Mar-04	-	-	2,452.0	20.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	2.0	62.9	2,759.0	173.2	4,945,324
Apr-04	-	-	2,465.0	20.0	0.1	11.6	0.9	2.3	65.5	2,801.1	179.4	4,513,015
May-04	-	-	2,445.0	18.8	0.4	6.7	0.8	1.9	50.4	2,806.2	179.6	4,384,434
Jun-04	-	-	2,197.0	19.5	0.4	3.2	0.7	1.6	46.3	2,422.0	168.7	4,135,339
Jul-04	-	-	2,267.0	19.6	0.1	6.1	1.0	1.3	30.7	2,614.3	165.6	5,161,783
Aug-04	-	-	2,179.0	19.3	-	-	0.7	1.5	36.6	2,471.6	171.2	4,984,243
Sep-04	-	-	2,328.0	20.2	0.3	7.0	0.7	1.9	60.0	2,459.6	149.4	4,060,909
Oct-04	-	-	2,474.0	20.6	-	3.3	0.8	2.2	54.8	2,598.6	166.5	4,669,500
Nov-04	-	-	2,344.0	24.2	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.9	64.7	2,578.8	154.9	5,353,623
Dec-04	-	-	2,073.0	24.4	0.4	3.5	0.7	1.5	50.9	2,606.2	162.6	6,249,106
Jan-05	-	-	1,849.0	17.9	-	3.2	0.6	1.0	40.4	2,639.3	152.7	6,482,183
Feb-05	-	-	2,111.0	19.5	0.6	3.5	0.7	1.3	49.5	2,352.8	146.6	5,420,323
Mar-05	-	-	2,301.0	26.1	0.5	5.7	0.6	1.4	34.4	2,773.6	160.2	4,992,145
Apr-05	-	-	2,204.0	24.9	0.2	4.6	0.7	1.5	48.3	2,742.7	152.0	4,816,336
May-05	-	-	2,308.0	24.0	0.5	6.1	0.7	1.2	43.3	-	155.4	4,499,628
Jun-05	-	-	2,469.0	23.8	0.0	0.8	0.8	1.4	38.2	-	141.1	4,729,798
Jul-05	-	-	2,201.0	21.7	0.3	6.7	0.4	1.4	29.4	-	144.8	5,925,097
Aug-05	-	-	2,281.0	24.5	0.4	4.5	0.7	1.5	33.1	-	-	6,359,777
Sep-05	-	-	-	24.8	-	-	0.9	1.4	29.6	-	-	-
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.8	t 17,724.0	t 207.2	t 2.4	t 35.1	t 6.1	t 12.2	t 346.2	t 10,508.4	t 1,052.8	t 43,225,287
% change	-10.2	5.5	-0.8	21.4	90.5	25.8	-15.9	-15.8	-18.1	-1.3	-13.3	7.4
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	26,943.0	276.4	3.4	51.9	8.3	17.8	516.6	31,065.7	1,857.4	63,558,425
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	25,920.0	233.9	7.9	48.8	9.7	20.5	593.6	30,414.5	2,137.4	62,483,368
% change	15.8	-8.3	3.9	18.2	-56.5	6.4	-14.5	-13.0	-13.0	2.1	-13.1	1.7
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	4.7	22.8	0.0	0.0	34.3	-27.3	-50.7	-2.1	-12.6	27.6
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	3.6	1.2	60.7	-32.8	25.0	-8.4	-10.6	-1.1	2.6	7.3





10 Manufacturing — Durables, NAICS based

Period	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2001	38,302,590	21,614,636	10,817,105	1,057,070	1,692,085	1,539,077	1,448,553	-	1,670,882
2002	38,511,548	22,419,104	11,261,802	1,268,304	1,706,774	1,679,295	1,223,672	-	1,564,813
2003	37,243,134	20,780,663	9,911,332	1,415,675	1,713,789	1,832,739	1,101,172	-	990,838
2004	42,343,605	25,306,221	13,081,544	1,570,582	2,019,402	2,126,825	1,094,936	-	1,060,744
Jan-03	3,188,704	1,798,148	870,459	127,117	144,812	153,873	84,033	-	88,142
Feb-03	3,123,879	1,779,708	861,302	119,982	150,011	161,245	82,190	-	82,492
Mar-03	3,094,064	1,687,283	816,211	116,595	139,620	145,684	76,431	-	84,331
Apr-03	3,077,844	1,677,653	799,098	114,298	138,019	151,009	90,359	-	83,874
May-03	2,994,703	1,621,742	751,496	113,862	135,667	153,153	91,392	-	79,479
Jun-03	3,006,645	1,655,055	776,208	114,996	139,901	150,351	88,157	-	81,380
Jul-03	3,086,721	1,710,712	805,566	113,569	139,915	152,588	96,055	-	80,651
Aug-03	3,100,013	1,712,173	806,156	113,708	137,607	156,545	99,984	-	77,725
Sep-03	3,218,937	1,823,249	877,583	119,898	158,068	148,791	105,169	-	87,838
Oct-03	3,119,759	1,775,670	845,724	114,794	141,086	159,002	101,870	-	81,543
Nov-03	3,130,768	1,791,837	865,595	120,990	139,162	157,680	101,793	-	81,558
Dec-03	3,101,106	1,747,439	835,935	125,867	149,922	142,818	83,738	-	81,822
Jan-04	3,150,103	1,831,640	895,590	129,478	138,304	160,158	95,283	-	90,429
Feb-04	3,244,055	1,891,443	927,375	131,191	150,982	161,721	104,776	-	85,213
Mar-04	3,459,621	2,011,861	1,016,908	127,673	160,058	167,609	101,554	-	93,963
Apr-04	3,475,797	2,079,816	1,062,035	129,426	165,738	168,554	99,703	-	85,170
May-04	3,570,773	2,110,242	1,088,813	122,738	167,957	169,880	99,153	-	91,876
Jun-04	3,565,225	2,130,154	1,113,520	126,400	168,360	172,922	95,811	-	89,807
Jul-04	3,644,725	2,225,049	1,186,345	127,628	170,679	198,873	92,365	-	82,950
Aug-04	3,666,732	2,229,084	1,202,067	122,374	173,382	186,629	89,391	-	89,475
Sep-04	3,710,957	2,253,164	1,186,938	131,781	181,855	190,067	80,364	-	90,889
Oct-04	3,600,688	2,185,009	1,147,602	138,120	179,114	179,844	79,000	-	93,278
Nov-04	3,646,753	2,203,686	1,147,445	141,481	183,037	183,935	81,942	-	87,101
Dec-04	3,608,169	2,155,069	1,106,901	142,293	179,935	186,633	75,595	-	80,596
Jan-05	3,571,895	2,142,401	1,083,199	133,637	188,633	200,759	83,076	-	88,547
Feb-05	3,619,046	2,174,249	1,090,927	144,175	190,148	183,363	86,168	-	81,947
Mar-05	3,593,005	2,139,807	1,045,089	150,454	185,023	192,600	87,205	-	96,376
Apr-05	3,528,656	2,085,705	999,778	149,528	183,376	191,046	81,945	-	91,318
May-05	3,625,509	2,151,785	1,035,456	153,637	189,466	216,163	79,816	-	93,219
Jun-05	3,613,825	2,124,528	1,004,123	151,017	181,307	191,671	95,962	-	94,517
Jul-05	3,400,846	2,011,142	945,511	150,369	181,729	191,618	74,414	-	86,354
Aug-05	3,553,952	2,018,244	949,443	152,817	182,521	184,917	77,489	-	94,968
Sep-05	3,534,954	2,032,343	975,431	153,185	183,419	213,136	70,660	-	92,176
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 32,041,688	t 18,880,204	t 9,128,957	t 1,338,819	t 1,665,622	t 1,765,273	t 736,735	t 0	t 819,422
% change	1.8	0.6	-5.7	16.6	12.7	12.0	-14.2	0.0	2.5
Last 12 months	42,897,298	25,423,968	12,530,905	1,760,713	2,207,708	2,315,685	973,272	0	1,080,397
Previous 12	40,839,621	24,077,399	12,226,845	1,510,340	1,907,485	2,035,913	1,145,801	0	1,044,695
% change	5.0	5.6	2.5	16.6	15.7	13.7	-15.1	0.0	3.4
% ch. year ago	-4.7	-9.8	-17.8	16.2	0.9	12.1	-12.1	0.0	1.4
% ch prev mnth	-0.5	0.7	2.7	0.2	0.5	15.3	-8.8	0.0	-2.9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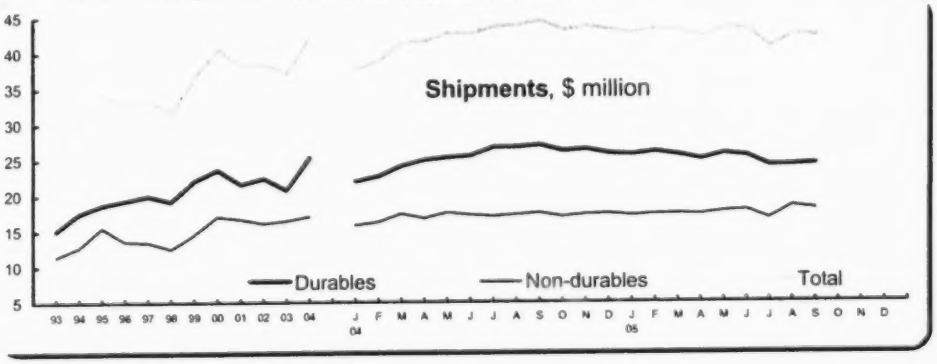
11 Manufacturing – Non-Durables, NAICS based

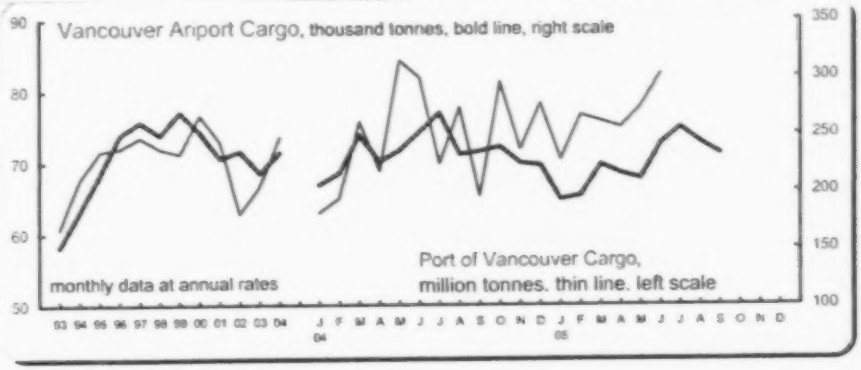
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
2001	16,687,953	4,525,550	992,470	6,263,088	908,529	-	1,000,572	1,057,740
2002	16,092,443	4,752,512	1,087,141	5,496,248	828,868	-	1,016,553	1,059,977
2003	16,462,469	4,918,125	1,091,227	5,650,853	758,499	-	1,083,911	1,161,803
2004	17,037,384	5,053,924	1,129,515	5,874,768	779,365	-	1,269,970	1,150,813
Jan-03	1,390,556	420,719	95,455	474,168	64,260	-	91,724	92,573
Feb-03	1,344,171	405,024	90,627	437,397	66,677	-	92,960	95,472
Mar-03	1,406,781	408,187	88,817	503,330	62,501	-	89,599	97,161
Apr-03	1,400,191	413,200	89,960	493,610	59,727	-	93,808	96,337
May-03	1,372,961	400,994	92,509	486,189	58,532	-	90,316	99,646
Jun-03	1,351,590	408,601	88,593	459,626	61,700	-	87,210	100,732
Jul-03	1,376,009	417,235	87,143	470,366	60,905	-	88,524	102,295
Aug-03	1,387,840	410,141	89,921	478,672	70,506	-	93,923	95,328
Sep-03	1,395,688	413,150	89,524	497,754	62,462	-	88,727	94,419
Oct-03	1,344,089	410,373	96,998	442,507	61,672	-	84,775	97,025
Nov-03	1,338,931	404,474	88,861	447,960	64,347	-	91,236	96,033
Dec-03	1,353,667	406,027	92,820	459,274	65,210	-	91,110	94,783
Jan-04	1,318,463	409,966	93,911	435,875	59,847	-	90,042	90,264
Feb-04	1,352,612	406,669	93,355	464,679	62,870	-	88,810	96,230
Mar-04	1,447,760	420,631	94,713	525,796	62,973	-	92,531	99,281
Apr-04	1,395,981	407,137	97,974	471,147	63,669	-	102,921	94,891
May-04	1,460,531	406,296	89,303	552,062	63,153	-	104,724	89,394
Jun-04	1,435,071	415,169	91,945	517,102	65,382	-	115,541	89,760
Jul-04	1,419,676	417,156	93,387	493,336	64,425	-	111,064	96,675
Aug-04	1,437,648	428,845	92,127	496,564	69,246	-	108,684	97,467
Sep-04	1,457,793	431,258	96,174	500,923	70,183	-	110,889	100,022
Oct-04	1,415,679	431,067	93,678	462,490	66,560	-	115,529	98,987
Nov-04	1,443,067	443,907	96,491	465,721	66,800	-	115,442	98,668
Dec-04	1,453,100	435,824	96,456	489,073	64,257	-	113,793	99,175
Jan-05	1,429,494	445,272	95,483	456,067	67,255	-	107,650	102,492
Feb-05	1,444,797	446,237	100,288	453,963	67,581	-	120,246	105,2 4
Mar-05	1,453,198	443,956	102,732	485,223	69,004	-	116,133	102,388
Apr-05	1,442,951	442,499	100,514	463,830	72,553	-	111,421	105,744
May-05	1,473,724	447,388	104,349	482,466	76,242	-	111,871	98,077
Jun-05	1,489,297	437,683	103,261	490,386	78,431	-	110,700	106,305
Jul-05	1,389,704	439,876	98,264	405,938	75,880	-	110,139	103,050
Aug-05	1,535,708	449,618	104,013	512,125	78,680	-	116,370	111,252
Sep-05	1,502,611	454,214	105,275	474,703	73,617	-	120,608	115,339
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 13,161,484	t 4,006,743	t 914,179	t 4,224,701	t 659,243	t 0	t 1,025,138	t 949,861
% change	3.4	7.0	8.5	-5.2	13.3	0.0	10.8	11.2
Last 12 months	17,473,330	5,317,541	1,200,804	5,641,985	856,860	0	1,369,902	1,246,691
Previous 12	16,762,222	4,964,001	1,121,568	5,807,225	772,977	0	1,192,327	1,141,825
% change	4.2	7.1	7.1	-2.8	10.9	0.0	14.9	9.2
% ch. year ago	3.1	5.3	9.5	-5.2	4.9	0.0	8.8	15.3
% ch prev mnth	-2.2	1.0	1.2	-7.3	-6.4	0.0	3.6	3.7



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments			Passengers				
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport		BC Ferries		Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,721	2,518
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
2004	70,289	3,283	73,574	233,809	7,986	11,184	3,797	2,572
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,478	271	5,750	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	4,919	238	5,156	19,895	715	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	5,136	287	5,423	19,217	784	1,650	492	388
Sep-03	5,131	266	5,397	18,472	636	948	334	227
Oct-03	6,493	264	6,757	19,606	636	833	296	209
Nov-03	6,096	268	6,364	18,614	524	647	239	112
Dec-03	5,901	239	6,140	19,235	626	688	235	138
Jan-04	4,971	277	5,249	17,140	552	556	207	96
Feb-04	5,155	262	5,417	17,999	571	620	232	117
Mar-04	6,045	267	6,312	20,772	619	771	278	167
Apr-04	5,499	240	5,739	18,801	606	862	305	209
May-04	6,725	295	7,020	19,659	666	965	319	241
Jun-04	6,522	299	6,821	20,993	705	993	333	240
Jul-04	5,550	270	5,819	22,369	794	1,450	442	386
Aug-04	6,175	300	6,475	19,347	831	1,560	477	381
Sep-04	5,155	288	5,444	19,580	711	1,025	356	260
Oct-04	6,523	247	6,770	19,898	680	908	311	207
Nov-04	5,703	285	5,989	18,692	569	660	250	121
Dec-04	6,266	253	6,519	18,559	683	814	287	147
Jan-05	5,592	275	5,866	16,061	627	539	204	96
Feb-05	6,110	279	6,388	16,321	605	602	228	121
Mar-05	6,023	291	6,314	18,594	674	842	297	194
Apr-05	6,011	232	6,243	17,948	614	790	292	182
May-05	6,215	267	6,482	17,571	692	985	330	255
Jun-05	6,555	311	6,866	20,107	748	1,017	345	255
Jul-05	-	-	-	21,286	816	1,433	442	398
Aug-05	-	-	-	20,198	868	1,532	477	388
Sep-05	-	-	-	19,374	736	1,018	352	267
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	837	292	200
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, 8-avg) YTD	t 36,506	t 1,655	t 38,159	t 167,460	t 6,380	t 9,595	t 3,259	t 2,354
% change	4.6	0.9	4.4	-5.2	5.4	-1.2	0.0	2.2
Last 12 months	71,878	3,298	75,175	224,609	8,311	11,069	3,796	2,622
Previous 12	68,593	3,202	71,795	234,115	7,841	11,045	3,734	2,554
% change	4.8	3.0	4.7	-4.1	6.0	0.2	1.7	2.7
% ch. year ago	0.5	4.0	0.7	-1.1	3.6	-7.8	-6.1	-3.4
% ch prev mnth	5.5	16.5	5.9	-4.1	-15.2	-17.8	-17.0	-25.4

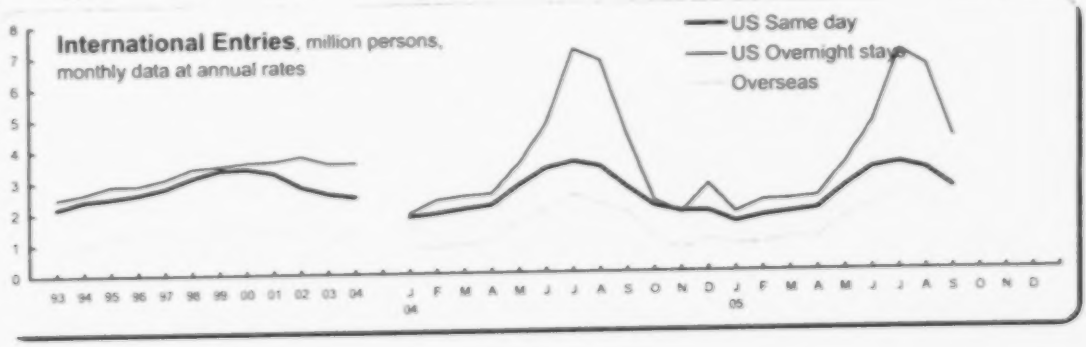


13 Service Sector — Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS

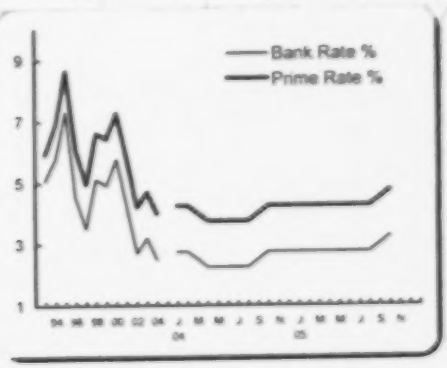
Period	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Intermtl
	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,808,063	3,787,823	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	58.9	107,107	256,945	1,506,188	3,855	3,600
2003	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
2004	2,477,573	3,561,522	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.4	105,581	249,553	1,592,095	3,965	3,775
Jan-03	182,091	182,462	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.1	1,525	14,300	129,815	292	289
Feb-03	166,881	210,112	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.3	4,125	23,500	130,761	277	240
Mar-03	171,047	203,096	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.8	18,947	23,200	123,736	314	274
Apr-03	183,054	195,417	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.7	9,239	14,790	120,323	244	203
May-03	234,763	286,647	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.2	13,589	19,050	120,529	299	200
Jun-03	265,979	395,933	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,789	20,100	117,023	366	249
Jul-03	300,416	561,027	861,443	163,394	1,024,837	71.2	1,530	2,490	118,790	453	314
Aug-03	321,846	625,664	947,510	171,241	1,118,751	79.2	828	20,000	125,119	482	375
Sep-03	236,533	315,978	552,511	137,493	690,004	66.8	10,223	20,400	119,804	321	312
Oct-03	178,405	193,284	371,689	82,542	454,231	56.7	29,509	27,754	125,485	248	276
Nov-03	172,458	161,031	333,489	59,676	393,165	48.1	8,557	10,804	125,620	233	229
Dec-03	167,223	226,093	393,316	87,208	480,524	43.9	834	1,000	129,676	285	279
Jan-04	152,888	161,360	314,248	72,760	387,008	45.2	1,872	8,678	129,983	289	295
Feb-04	160,414	195,702	356,116	71,414	427,530	55.3	16,716	10,940	130,307	286	249
Mar-04	171,802	205,608	377,410	78,220	455,630	61.1	12,755	57,100	129,188	320	280
Apr-04	180,945	210,875	391,820	87,463	479,283	60.9	4,842	37,000	133,117	291	271
May-04	233,539	290,863	524,402	139,800	664,202	64.9	12,522	32,400	130,754	320	319
Jun-04	278,468	397,347	675,815	169,481	845,296	69.6	10,923	17,009	132,149	373	355
Jul-04	295,574	594,325	889,899	206,851	1,096,750	76.7	4,582	7,200	134,372	453	397
Aug-04	282,366	564,277	846,643	181,621	1,028,264	77.3	3,800	12,500	129,659	474	421
Sep-04	225,481	362,227	587,708	159,323	747,031	71.3	6,272	20,780	135,176	345	358
Oct-04	175,080	190,329	365,409	94,030	459,439	58.7	26,572	13,800	133,139	265	302
Nov-04	160,437	156,051	316,488	59,092	375,580	49.3	3,524	7,866	135,059	248	238
Dec-04	160,579	232,558	393,137	88,596	481,736	46.6	1,201	24,300	139,183	299	290
Jan-05	131,560	156,325	287,885	72,030	359,915	45.3	3,655	11,800	135,265	314	307
Feb-05	146,726	187,966	334,692	75,675	410,367	57.6	6,517	9,300	136,447	288	265
Mar-05	155,995	190,677	346,672	90,157	436,829	61.8	6,628	42,375	135,693	349	297
Apr-05	164,877	197,123	362,000	88,017	450,017	63.8	11,766	21,400	134,995	298	302
May-05	223,119	285,885	509,004	148,381	657,385	68.5	12,320	17,115	139,701	346	338
Jun-05	272,179	394,299	666,478	176,756	843,234	73.0	3,873	65,280	139,375	376	369
Jul-05	285,047	585,978	871,025	216,706	1,087,731	78.7	10,350	-	138,497	461	423
Aug-05	269,417	545,371	814,788	185,395	1,000,183	80.9	1,620	3,900	-	463	442
Sep-05	219,815	354,685	574,500	166,737	741,237	77.2	12,810	30,080	-	345	370
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Jtot, 8-avg) YTD	t 1,868,735	t 2,898,309	t 4,767,044	t 1,219,854	t 5,986,898	a 67.4	t 69,530	t 201,250	t 959,973	t 3,241	t 3,113
% change	-5.7	-2.8	-4.0	4.5	-2.4	4.2	-6.4	-1.1	4.4	2.8	5.6
Last 12 months	2,364,831	3,477,247	5,842,078	1,461,575	7,303,653	63.5	100,836	247,216	1,632,199	4,053	3,942
Previous 12	2,499,563	3,562,992	6,062,555	1,396,359	7,458,914	60.9	113,184	243,145	1,545,574	3,918	3,731
% change	-5.4	-2.4	-3.6	4.7	-2.1	4.2	-10.9	1.7	5.6	3.4	5.7
% ch. year ago	-2.5	-2.1	-2.2	4.7	-0.8	8.3	104.2	44.9	3.1	0.0	3.3
% ch. prev mnth	-18.4	-35.0	-29.5	-10.1	-25.9	-4.6	690.7	671.3	-0.6	-25.5	-16.2

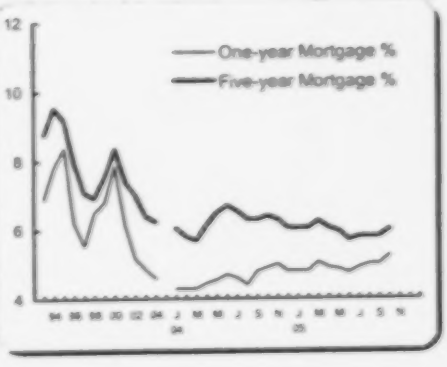


14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
					Conventional Mortgage				
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Five year Rate	One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	87.04
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	92.47
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	9,021.5	6,983.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
Jul-03	9,233.8	7,257.9	3.25	4.75	6.20	4.55	1.04	1.3815	88.16
Aug-03	9,415.8	7,510.3	3.25	4.75	6.35	4.55	1.00	1.3957	87.40
Sep-03	9,275.1	7,421.1	3.00	4.50	6.30	4.55	1.00	1.3632	89.23
Oct-03	9,801.1	7,772.7	3.00	4.50	6.40	4.55	1.00	1.3218	91.48
Nov-03	9,782.5	7,859.4	3.00	4.50	6.50	4.75	0.99	1.3126	92.09
Dec-03	10,453.9	8,220.9	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.75	0.96	1.3128	91.65
Jan-04	10,488.1	8,521.4	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.30	1.02	1.2960	92.54
Feb-04	10,583.9	8,788.5	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.30	1.00	1.3290	90.19
Mar-04	10,357.7	8,585.9	2.50	4.00	5.70	4.30	1.01	1.3284	90.55
Apr-04	10,225.6	8,244.0	2.25	3.75	6.15	4.45	1.00	1.3425	89.74
May-04	10,188.5	8,417.3	2.25	3.75	6.50	4.55	0.99	1.3783	87.57
Jun-04	10,435.5	8,545.6	2.25	3.75	6.70	4.70	1.11	1.3577	88.68
Jul-04	10,139.7	8,458.1	2.25	3.75	6.55	4.60	1.28	1.3219	91.00
Aug-04	10,173.9	8,377.0	2.25	3.75	6.30	4.40	1.51	1.3118	91.80
Sep-04	10,080.3	8,668.3	2.50	4.00	6.30	4.80	1.76	1.2878	93.52
Oct-04	10,027.5	8,871.0	2.75	4.25	6.40	4.90	1.74	1.2469	96.36
Nov-04	10,428.0	9,030.1	2.75	4.25	6.30	5.00	2.00	1.1961	99.92
Dec-04	10,783.0	9,246.7	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2191	97.74
Jan-05	10,489.9	9,204.1	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2253	97.41
Feb-05	10,766.2	9,668.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.52	1.2397	96.40
Mar-05	10,503.8	9,612.4	2.75	4.25	6.25	5.05	2.77	1.2161	98.17
Apr-05	10,192.5	9,369.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.90	2.74	1.2360	96.82
May-05	10,467.5	9,607.3	2.75	4.25	5.95	4.85	3.01	1.2555	95.45
Jun-05	10,275.0	9,902.8	2.75	4.25	5.70	4.75	3.11	1.2402	97.06
Jul-05	10,640.9	10,422.9	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.90	3.26	1.2227	98.76
Aug-05	10,481.6	10,668.9	2.75	4.25	5.80	5.00	3.55	1.2040	100.02
Sep-05	10,568.7	11,011.8	3.00	4.50	5.80	5.00	3.77	1.1776	102.32
Oct-05	10,440.1	10,383.3	3.25	4.75	6.00	5.25	3.76	1.1776	102.67
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(f-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 10,482.6	a 9,985.1	a 2.83	a 4.33	a 5.95	a 4.93	a 3.08	a 1.2195	a 98.51
% change	2.1	16.8	15.3	9.5	-4.8	8.8	148.1	-7.6	8.0
Last 12 months	10,503.1	9,844.0	2.81	4.31	5.98	4.93	2.92	1.2175	98.56
Previous 12	10,244.8	8,463.1	2.54	4.04	6.28	4.57	1.20	1.3188	91.31
% change	2.5	16.3	10.7	6.7	-4.8	7.8	144.1	-7.7	7.9
% ch. year ago	4.1	17.0	18.2	11.8	-6.2	7.1	116.1	-5.6	6.5
% ch. prev mnth	-1.2	-5.7	8.3	5.6	3.4	5.0	-0.3	0.0	0.3





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Skilled Worker Immigrants to British Columbia

Skilled worker immigrants are those who are selected primarily based on their skills, education and occupational experiences. Skilled worker immigrants, along with some immigrants admitted under the Provincial Nominee Program, are admitted to Canada mainly for the purpose of filling the domestic shortage of skilled labour. (see the June 2005 Special Feature for a discussion of the Provincial Nominee Program). Apart from the other requirements, skilled worker immigrants must possess a high degree of English or French language proficiency so they can quickly integrate into the Canadian economy and establish themselves successfully as permanent residents in Canada.

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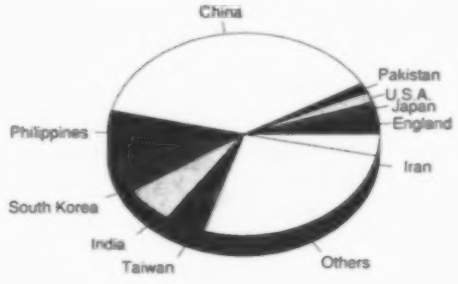

Over the five-year period between 2000 and 2004, skilled workers accounted for 48.1 per cent of all immigrants who landed in British Columbia. This represented 87,646 immigrants, with 36,497 being the principal applicants, and the rest being accompanying dependents such as children or spouses. Since it is the principal applicants whose skills were assessed during the admission process, the rest of this article relates only to the principal applicants of immigrants in the skilled work class who landed during 2000-2004.

B.C. attracted 14.2 per cent of all skilled workers to Canada during the study period, slightly less than the 15.6 per cent share of the overall landings during the period. Ontario and Quebec were the biggest recipients with each attracting 56.7 and 16.4 per cent of all skilled workers, respectively. The total number of skilled workers who landed in Canada during the five-year period was 257,251 persons.

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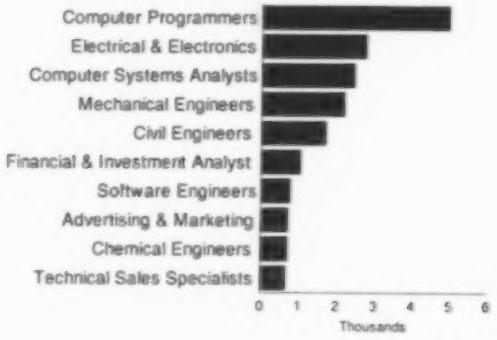

Skilled workers are generally younger and are more likely to possess post secondary education when compared to immigrants in other classes. Also, male skilled worker immigrants out number their female counterparts by 2.3 to one. A majority of the skilled workers were in the 25-45 age group at the time of landing. Of all skilled workers who

landed between 2000 and 2004, 57.1 per cent possessed a bachelor degree and another 30.2 per cent had some form of a post-graduate education. These education levels were much higher than the rest of B.C. immigrants, who averaged 17.1 per cent with a bachelor degree, and 5.4 per cent with post-graduate studies.

Approximately half of the B.C. skilled worker immigrants were clustered in ten occupation groups. A majority of these professions were computer related, followed by engineering, finance, marketing and sales. During the five-year period, B.C. skilled worker immigrants were distributed among a total of 539 different occupational groups, although many of these occupation groups were represented by only one or a few immigrants.

In addition to skilled worker immigrants, foreign workers on temporary work permits could also be used to effectively fill short-term labour market demands. During 2005 (up to Dec 18), a total of 19,225 persons had entered B.C. on temporary work visas. A majority of these are care-givers, nannies, farm workers and university professors. Some of these temporary workers may eventually become Canadian landed immigrants.

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Whenever possible we use **seasonally adjusted** data which removes normal seasonal variations to reveal the underlying trends in the data. Adjusted data are identified as Seasonally Adjusted or SA.

Some series subject to irregular fluctuations are presented on a **three month moving average** basis. All such series included in this report are also seasonally adjusted. Where space is limited these are tagged 3MMA SA.

Series not labeled as seasonally adjusted are unadjusted or raw. Some unadjusted series in this report are explicitly identified as such.

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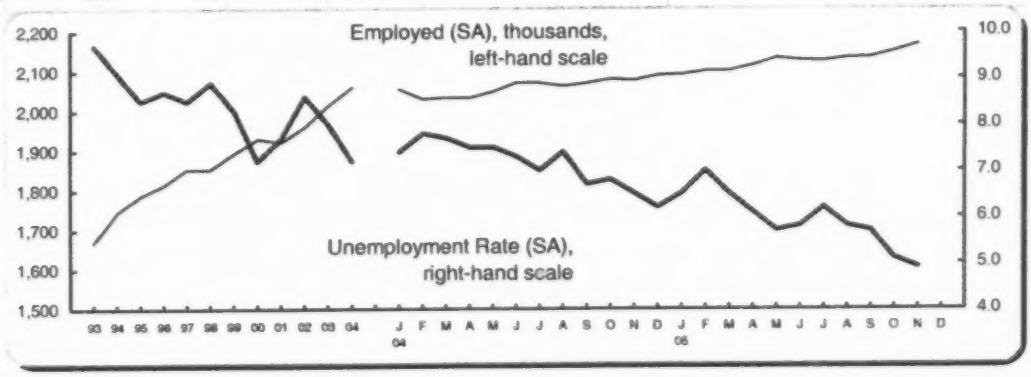
Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted
Ave: average
bd ft: board feet
C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen
Can: Canada, Canadian
GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9
m3: cubic metres
mil: million
MLS: Multiple Listing Service
Moly: molybdenum
mth: month (as in: previous mth)
NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System
SA: seasonally adjusted
T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange
US: United States of America
WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

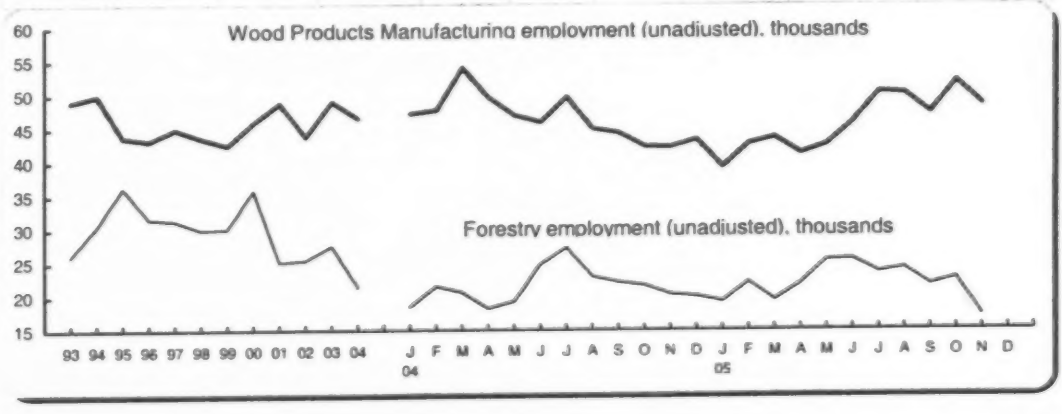
Period	Labour Force Activity: Labour Force	Labour Force Activity: Employed	Labour Force Activity: Unemployment Rate	Labour Force Activity: Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Earnings: Wages and Salaries	Earnings: Average Weekly Wage Rate	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: Number of Beneficiaries	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: $
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA	Unadjusted		
2001	2,082.3	1,922.1	7.7	64.0	32.2	61,495.9	648.13	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,143.8	1,960.1	8.6	65.0	32.0	63,192.7	668.15	817,850	1,073,203.5
2003	2,190.5	2,014.2	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,310.1	683.82	813,520	1,059,531.1
2004	2,219.2	2,059.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	68,264.7	686.61	737,780	960,359.7
Jan-03	2,153.1	1,981.9	8.0	64.8	32.3	5,425.5	682.07	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,169.1	1,994.0	8.1	65.3	32.7	5,414.9	681.94	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,181.1	2,013.2	7.7	65.6	32.8	5,392.6	681.83	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,183.5	2,008.8	8.0	65.5	28.9	5,403.1	679.75	71,440	86,968.3
May-03	2,183.0	1,998.9	8.4	65.5	33.2	5,401.0	684.26	66,040	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,175.2	1,999.8	8.1	65.2	33.6	5,401.0	686.74	60,670	89,008.4
Jul-03	2,196.6	2,009.1	8.5	65.7	31.6	5,435.8	685.72	64,540	75,483.9
Aug-03	2,193.9	2,011.8	8.3	65.6	30.5	5,430.6	687.79	67,120	83,006.1
Sep-03	2,209.6	2,013.3	8.9	65.9	33.3	5,483.5	690.66	54,170	87,528.0
Oct-03	2,213.8	2,041.4	7.8	66.0	29.7	5,503.0	683.81	58,550	66,990.2
Nov-03	2,209.2	2,037.7	7.8	65.8	29.6	5,496.5	682.56	65,750	86,669.7
Dec-03	2,215.0	2,057.1	7.1	65.9	32.9	5,522.5	678.46	73,050	92,179.5
Jan-04	2,220.2	2,054.9	7.4	66.0	32.4	5,561.4	678.67	81,270	102,257.2
Feb-04	2,202.0	2,030.1	7.8	65.4	33.4	5,604.2	685.65	76,980	109,369.0
Mar-04	2,203.6	2,033.5	7.7	65.3	31.5	5,628.5	677.70	72,950	94,275.5
Apr-04	2,199.1	2,033.2	7.5	65.1	31.1	5,658.6	676.04	65,970	79,729.2
May-04	2,214.6	2,048.3	7.5	65.5	33.4	5,654.8	673.81	59,490	87,371.7
Jun-04	2,234.1	2,071.1	7.3	66.0	33.9	5,686.4	678.14	52,460	65,468.6
Jul-04	2,226.3	2,070.3	7.0	65.6	32.1	5,705.1	680.96	52,750	61,242.0
Aug-04	2,227.6	2,062.1	7.4	65.6	31.0	5,712.2	688.27	58,430	85,782.8
Sep-04	2,218.7	2,069.5	6.7	65.2	34.1	5,721.8	697.88	46,790	61,903.3
Oct-04	2,231.2	2,079.4	6.8	65.5	30.2	5,746.6	704.09	49,490	62,134.7
Nov-04	2,220.9	2,076.8	6.5	65.1	30.6	5,750.3	700.51	57,360	73,706.0
Dec-04	2,228.2	2,089.5	6.2	65.3	33.7	5,834.7	696.56	63,840	77,119.8
Jan-05	2,236.9	2,091.7	6.5	65.4	32.9	5,797.1	708.09	73,320	105,871.9
Feb-05	2,258.1	2,099.8	7.0	66.0	33.9	5,870.0	704.90	68,190	84,184.6
Mar-05	2,248.2	2,101.0	6.5	65.6	33.8	5,892.7	698.01	62,300	78,729.6
Apr-05	2,251.0	2,114.3	6.1	65.6	34.1	5,961.2	700.56	57,820	71,114.1
May-05	2,261.4	2,132.0	5.7	65.7	33.8	5,977.7	698.81	51,210	77,672.4
Jun-05	2,256.7	2,126.2	5.8	65.5	33.8	6,040.3	700.73	45,380	56,027.3
Jul-05	2,265.6	2,125.2	6.2	65.7	31.8	6,084.0	698.02	43,680	51,783.5
Aug-05	2,264.9	2,132.9	5.8	65.5	30.9	6,087.3	702.66	51,790	76,240.4
Sep-05	2,262.5	2,134.5	5.7	65.3	33.6	6,127.7	709.12	39,050	53,409.9
Oct-05	2,264.6	2,148.9	5.1	65.3	29.4	-	705.83	43,260	59,084.4
Nov-05	2,278.9	2,166.5	4.9	65.6	30.4	-	717.66	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,259.0	a 2,124.8	a 5.9	a 65.6	a 32.6	t 53,838.0	a 704.04	a 53,600	t 714.1
% change	1.8	3.3	n/a	n/a	1.3	5.7	2.7	-13.1	-11.8
Last 12 months	2,256.4	2,121.9	6.0	65.5	32.7	71,169.7	703.41	54,767	864,943.9
Previous 12	2,217.8	2,057.2	7.2	65.5	32.2	67,455.2	685.02	62,948	988,383.0
% change	1.7	3.1	n/a	n/a	1.4	5.5	2.7	-13.0	-12.5
% ch. year ago	2.6	4.3	n/a	n/a	-0.7	7.1	2.4	-12.6	-4.9
% ch prev mnth	0.6	0.8	n/a	n/a	3.4	0.7	1.7	10.8	10.6



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

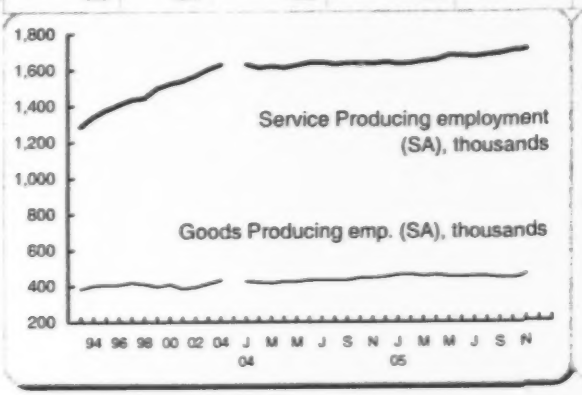
Period	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2001	383.9	25.8	25.1	4.8	11.4	10.9	110.8	22.1	48.8	15.0	195.1
2002	392.3	29.6	25.4	3.1	9.2	11.3	117.4	23.6	43.8	17.0	196.4
2003	411.7	32.3	27.5	4.5	13.2	11.1	117.4	27.0	49.0	14.4	205.7
2004	431.0	36.7	21.4	2.9	11.0	9.0	141.7	25.3	46.5	11.9	208.4
Jan-03	404.6	31.6	27.8	5.2	7.4	11.3	115.1	24.6	45.5	17.9	202.6
Feb-03	409.7	33.1	27.7	3.7	11.5	12.0	115.8	25.5	50.1	15.4	204.1
Mar-03	424.4	34.7	27.2	3.8	14.7	12.6	121.5	22.2	51.4	15.5	208.2
Apr-03	408.9	32.4	26.0	1.9	13.8	11.6	110.3	24.0	50.3	14.6	206.8
May-03	413.9	31.9	26.2	2.4	18.0	11.3	113.9	24.5	53.4	14.7	208.6
Jun-03	411.3	30.5	28.6	4.5	14.5	11.1	116.3	25.3	51.8	17.0	206.3
Jul-03	412.4	31.2	32.9	4.2	15.7	10.6	117.7	26.5	50.2	16.1	205.4
Aug-03	408.0	32.2	27.7	6.2	11.3	10.8	117.1	28.9	46.5	15.2	206.3
Sep-03	407.6	31.4	28.9	5.6	12.7	10.8	116.9	27.6	43.9	12.7	203.8
Oct-03	415.6	31.9	28.1	6.5	15.1	10.9	119.8	32.3	48.5	12.9	206.3
Nov-03	413.8	35.1	25.4	6.3	10.5	10.8	121.3	30.8	50.2	11.4	204.5
Dec-03	411.3	32.8	23.3	3.8	12.7	9.4	122.4	31.8	46.5	9.5	206.1
Jan-04	425.2	35.6	18.5	5.0	10.8	9.2	131.8	36.3	47.2	10.5	211.3
Feb-04	419.6	36.5	21.5	3.2	11.1	8.3	126.4	27.6	47.7	10.9	211.0
Mar-04	415.6	35.3	20.6	3.0	8.9	9.4	131.2	24.3	54.0	9.4	205.9
Apr-04	422.7	37.0	18.2	2.7	8.4	10.0	134.6	23.7	49.6	10.3	207.5
May-04	423.0	39.3	19.2	3.5	10.2	10.4	134.0	22.6	46.9	14.2	205.3
Jun-04	433.2	39.3	24.7	2.9	10.1	10.4	141.1	21.7	45.9	14.5	205.2
Jul-04	431.5	37.1	27.2	2.5	9.8	9.1	140.5	18.5	49.6	13.4	209.5
Aug-04	433.3	36.1	22.9	3.6	10.5	10.1	143.2	22.1	44.9	11.8	209.6
Sep-04	432.7	33.3	22.1	2.5	11.0	8.5	148.3	22.2	44.3	11.3	208.9
Oct-04	442.6	37.4	21.6	2.4	13.0	8.0	153.7	26.8	42.3	12.7	208.7
Nov-04	443.8	35.4	20.3	1.6	13.3	7.1	155.6	29.3	42.2	11.2	210.5
Dec-04	448.1	38.8	20.0	2.6	14.9	7.5	156.8	28.4	43.3	13.2	208.2
Jan-05	460.4	40.6	19.2	-	13.8	8.0	166.2	33.0	39.2	12.5	208.8
Feb-05	463.1	41.8	22.1	1.6	12.6	9.3	168.9	33.2	42.7	12.5	205.6
Mar-05	454.0	41.3	19.4	-	14.5	10.1	168.2	30.2	43.6	12.9	198.5
Apr-05	459.9	42.6	21.8	-	12.0	10.3	173.0	26.7	41.2	13.8	194.1
May-05	452.7	38.8	25.3	3.0	12.5	12.8	166.0	27.4	42.5	13.7	193.6
Jun-05	450.3	40.7	25.5	4.9	12.9	13.3	164.0	24.7	45.8	11.0	190.4
Jul-05	454.2	43.2	23.5	2.1	14.3	12.8	164.0	30.4	50.3	12.3	198.8
Aug-05	451.5	39.1	24.1	1.7	14.6	11.6	168.7	27.5	50.1	12.8	194.4
Sep-05	446.1	35.4	21.6	1.7	13.6	11.0	166.7	23.3	47.2	9.7	197.3
Oct-05	444.1	36.4	22.6	3.2	14.6	11.2	164.7	21.5	51.9	9.9	194.1
Nov-05	456.5	33.8	17.1	1.6	15.9	9.2	171.4	18.8	48.5	13.3	207.1
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 453.9	a 39.4	a 22.0	a 1.8	a 13.8	a 10.9	a 167.4	a 27.0	a 45.7	a 12.2	a 198.4
% change	5.7	7.8	2.3	-39.8	29.2	19.0	19.6	7.9	-2.3	3.2	-4.8
Last 12 months	453.4	39.4	21.9	1.9	13.9	10.6	166.6	27.1	45.5	12.3	199.2
Previous 12	427.9	36.3	21.7	3.1	10.8	9.2	138.6	25.6	46.8	11.6	208.3
% change	6.0	8.6	0.8	-39.0	28.0	15.7	20.2	5.9	-2.6	5.7	-4.3
% ch. year ago	2.9	-4.5	-15.8	0.0	19.5	29.6	10.2	-35.8	14.9	18.8	-1.6
% ch. prev mnth	2.8	-7.1	-24.3	-50.0	8.9	-17.9	4.1	-12.6	-6.6	34.3	6.7

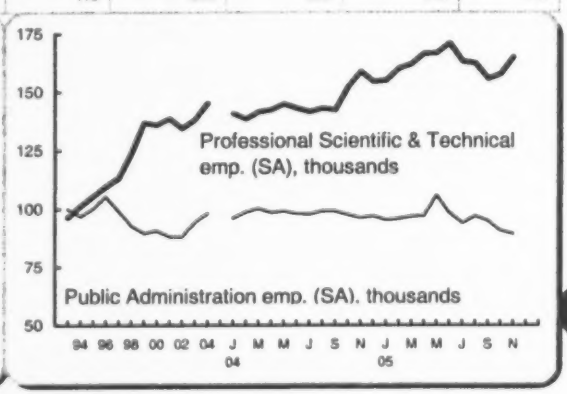


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2001	1,538.2	304.0	112.6	122.1	138.6	138.4	197.9	105.3	164.2	88.0
2002	1,567.9	323.4	112.2	125.7	134.5	137.5	211.6	105.8	162.4	87.8
2003	1,602.5	329.5	118.4	126.3	138.2	140.4	213.5	107.1	161.9	94.1
2004	1,628.7	320.6	117.7	131.5	145.2	135.1	219.5	111.4	174.8	97.9
Jan-03	1,577.3	338.8	117.3	128.7	130.5	142.9	206.0	101.2	157.3	89.0
Feb-03	1,584.3	333.3	117.8	128.8	130.5	144.5	213.5	100.5	156.4	93.2
Mar-03	1,588.8	328.3	120.4	128.1	134.4	146.9	211.6	101.3	159.7	88.4
Apr-03	1,600.0	332.1	120.6	129.9	134.0	141.8	215.4	106.6	157.3	89.1
May-03	1,585.0	325.3	120.9	122.9	131.9	141.1	215.1	110.1	156.6	90.3
Jun-03	1,588.5	326.0	115.9	126.8	134.2	137.0	216.9	107.5	159.5	94.4
Jul-03	1,596.7	324.5	113.8	124.4	141.4	140.3	214.1	109.3	160.8	97.8
Aug-03	1,603.8	325.4	119.1	122.9	145.3	140.3	210.3	107.4	165.3	94.1
Sep-03	1,605.7	331.4	114.4	123.9	143.7	131.9	211.2	112.2	167.5	96.0
Oct-03	1,625.9	330.9	117.4	125.4	145.0	140.8	213.6	108.9	166.6	99.6
Nov-03	1,623.9	328.3	119.9	127.2	143.2	136.9	214.5	108.1	166.5	98.4
Dec-03	1,645.8	328.5	123.5	126.4	143.8	139.3	220.0	110.7	169.3	97.4
Jan-04	1,629.8	339.6	119.7	128.2	140.8	138.7	215.6	109.1	163.6	95.9
Feb-04	1,610.6	325.5	116.3	124.4	138.5	137.3	212.5	111.7	168.3	98.6
Mar-04	1,617.9	331.2	112.9	129.8	141.5	132.4	220.7	108.3	168.3	100.1
Apr-04	1,610.4	320.0	117.0	131.7	142.4	132.4	218.6	105.4	173.3	98.3
May-04	1,625.3	322.8	117.9	131.8	144.8	136.9	217.2	104.7	170.7	98.9
Jun-04	1,637.9	321.3	123.1	129.9	143.0	137.0	224.4	112.3	176.5	97.9
Jul-04	1,638.9	324.6	124.4	127.9	141.5	134.9	221.6	113.0	177.7	97.6
Aug-04	1,628.8	316.4	118.3	138.5	143.0	128.1	218.5	116.6	177.0	99.0
Sep-04	1,636.7	314.2	118.0	132.3	142.2	138.6	226.3	115.1	178.2	98.8
Oct-04	1,636.8	311.4	118.3	134.3	152.0	135.0	217.7	115.7	179.4	97.3
Nov-04	1,633.0	310.3	113.3	133.1	158.5	136.2	218.4	111.4	181.6	96.0
Dec-04	1,641.3	311.9	113.0	136.1	154.3	133.2	222.7	112.8	182.7	96.7
Jan-05	1,631.2	318.8	115.0	131.0	154.8	134.1	215.6	109.5	178.4	95.0
Feb-05	1,636.8	322.4	114.5	133.2	160.1	138.5	216.3	105.3	166.0	95.6
Mar-05	1,647.0	327.6	114.9	139.9	161.9	138.7	212.6	98.6	166.9	96.6
Apr-05	1,654.3	322.3	111.5	136.5	166.3	146.2	210.5	99.7	178.1	96.9
May-05	1,679.2	328.9	118.3	139.6	166.6	148.6	205.2	97.0	180.1	105.6
Jun-05	1,675.9	322.2	116.7	143.2	170.8	152.6	204.9	107.9	174.7	98.2
Jul-05	1,670.9	321.6	125.8	139.3	163.0	155.3	208.6	104.0	180.6	93.8
Aug-05	1,681.4	333.8	123.2	137.9	162.3	152.7	215.5	103.2	175.4	96.7
Sep-05	1,688.5	342.1	127.7	129.5	155.6	152.3	217.1	115.3	177.4	94.7
Oct-05	1,704.8	362.4	124.1	131.4	157.6	141.3	219.4	119.1	178.3	90.6
Nov-05	1,710.1	354.8	123.1	133.8	164.9	143.2	219.3	126.8	177.2	89.2
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,670.9	a 332.5	a 119.5	a 135.9	a 162.2	a 145.8	a 213.2	a 107.9	a 175.7	a 95.7
% change	2.6	3.4	1.2	3.7	12.3	7.8	-2.8	-3.0	1.0	-2.4
Last 12 months	1,668.5	330.7	119.0	136.0	161.5	144.7	214.0	108.3	176.3	95.8
Previous 12	1,629.3	322.2	118.6	130.7	144.3	135.6	219.3	111.2	173.7	98.0
% change	2.4	2.7	0.4	4.0	11.9	6.8	-2.4	-2.6	1.5	-2.2
% ch. year ago	4.7	14.3	6.6	0.5	4.0	5.1	0.4	13.8	-2.4	-7.1
% ch prev mnth	0.3	-2.1	-0.8	1.8	4.6	1.3	0.0	6.5	-0.6	-1.5

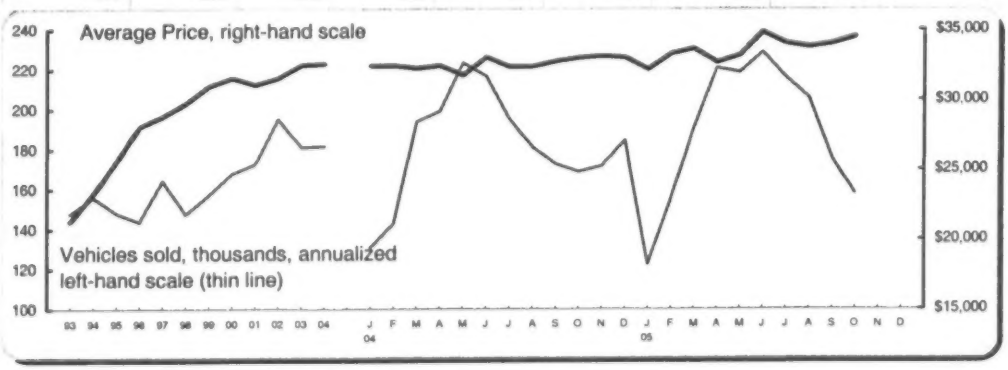




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada

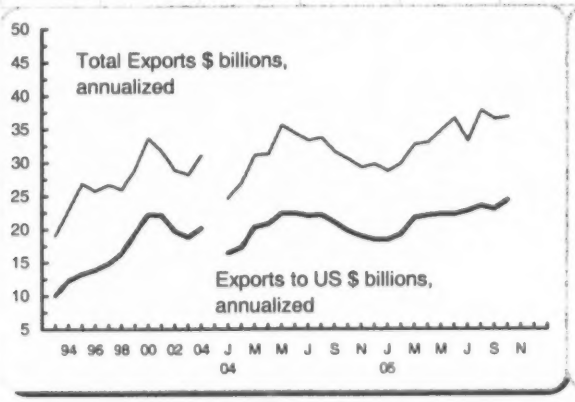
	Business				Consumer				
			Bankruptcies			Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
			Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada						
	Wholesale Sales	Business Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Consumer Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2001	35,510.8	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	40,718.9	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	38,228.9	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	43,265.0	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
2003	39,658.9	23,243	1,002	9,385	120.4	44,421.0	2,517.6	180,924	5,868,376
2004	43,521.2	25,428	922	8,378	122.8	47,216.6	2,750.8	181,605	5,907,610
Jan-03	3,467.1	2,122	101	731	119.0	3,691.1	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	3,434.0	1,804	93	857	119.6	3,741.4	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	3,400.9	1,952	103	879	120.6	3,592.4	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	3,203.9	1,844	92	862	120.4	3,639.2	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	3,217.0	1,747	68	761	120.4	3,663.1	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	3,178.5	2,047	93	840	120.2	3,670.9	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	3,176.6	1,837	81	821	120.5	3,695.9	197.8	16,982	546,553
Aug-03	3,170.4	1,818	61	684	120.9	3,799.8	214.1	15,961	516,156
Sep-03	3,262.1	2,056	87	767	121.2	3,710.2	197.6	14,310	482,072
Oct-03	3,294.4	2,023	75	827	120.6	3,708.8	211.5	13,784	455,682
Nov-03	3,383.6	2,050	73	709	120.8	3,747.8	253.9	14,389	460,714
Dec-03	3,470.5	1,943	75	655	120.9	3,760.4	370.8	14,242	471,844
Jan-04	3,339.4	2,115	79	665	120.8	3,777.8	162.3	10,894	353,088
Feb-04	3,362.0	2,015	71	757	121.3	3,801.5	168.7	11,896	385,560
Mar-04	3,478.7	2,045	89	877	121.6	3,881.1	191.2	16,155	520,301
Apr-04	3,550.0	2,109	94	730	122.4	3,906.4	213.5	16,582	537,134
May-04	3,585.5	2,156	73	692	123.4	3,937.4	220.2	18,600	589,843
Jun-04	3,646.6	2,337	75	832	123.6	3,961.0	223.2	18,040	595,439
Jul-04	3,760.3	2,075	68	618	123.4	3,998.9	228.5	16,246	524,992
Aug-04	3,780.9	2,031	74	610	123.3	3,956.4	227.6	15,073	487,328
Sep-04	3,699.1	2,022	57	681	123.5	3,970.1	224.6	14,388	470,545
Oct-04	3,833.0	2,015	79	684	123.5	4,025.7	235.7	14,063	463,546
Nov-04	3,710.4	2,109	81	643	123.7	4,009.1	259.9	14,293	472,926
Dec-04	3,775.2	2,399	81	597	123.5	3,991.2	395.4	15,375	506,908
Jan-05	3,620.6	2,141	52	665	123.6	3,951.0	179.1	10,199	327,696
Feb-05	3,819.6	2,223	70	798	123.8	4,084.2	176.7	12,920	429,511
Mar-05	3,871.2	2,450	74	742	124.1	4,122.7	214.9	15,901	534,497
Apr-05	3,917.9	2,460	64	741	124.9	4,127.4	224.0	18,393	599,968
May-05	3,977.0	2,445	77	739	125.2	4,138.2	230.0	18,206	603,311
Jun-05	3,959.1	2,584	61	707	125.4	4,129.1	226.1	19,041	662,610
Jul-05	3,866.6	2,220	60	628	125.7	4,199.1	235.5	18,002	612,133
Aug-05	4,050.8	2,331	76	647	125.9	4,289.0	233.0	17,153	578,802
Sep-05	4,092.5	2,419	66	670	126.5	4,265.9	235.1	14,607	496,354
Oct-05	4,048.7	2,408	66	615	126.3	4,262.9	249.7	13,167	453,798
Nov-05	-	2,469	-	-	126.2	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 39,224.2	t 26,150	t 666	t 6,952	a 125.2	t 41,569.4	t 2,204.0	t 157,589	t 5,298,680
% change	8.8	13.6	-12.3	-2.7	2.0	6.0	5.2	3.7	7.5
Last 12 months	46,709.9	28,549	828	8,192	125.1	49,569.8	2,859.4	187,257	6,278,514
Previous 12	42,889.7	24,972	907	8,510	122.6	46,724.5	2,720.2	180,568	5,860,334
% change	8.9	14.3	-8.7	-3.7	2.0	6.1	5.1	3.7	7.1
% ch. year ago	5.6	17.1	-16.5	-10.1	2.0	5.9	6.0	-6.4	-2.1
% ch prev mnth	-1.1	2.5	0.0	-8.2	-0.1	-0.1	6.2	-9.9	-8.6

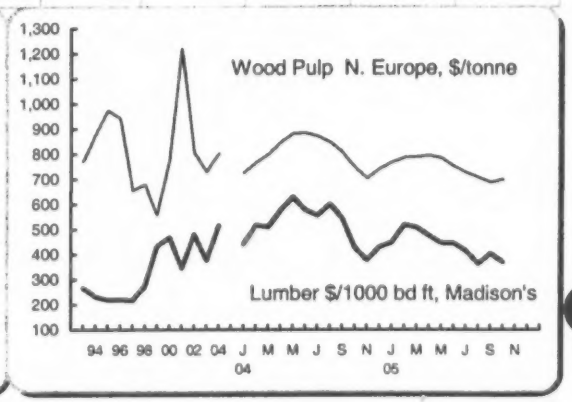


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
2001	31,679.7	22,104.4	4,066.1	31,640.7	344.86	1,218.08	1.11	419.83	6.79	7.45	40.08
2002	28,828.4	19,665.8	3,858.5	31,533.2	480.11	804.60	1.11	486.82	7.23	6.77	40.95
2003	28,191.7	18,792.3	3,649.4	31,263.0	375.93	729.69	1.13	507.90	6.81	0.52	43.71
2004	30,977.6	20,121.2	3,799.5	32,873.7	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
Jan-03	2,359.4	1,561.5	308.4	2,405.5	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	50.76
Feb-03	2,307.3	1,505.3	302.4	2,454.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	54.25
Mar-03	2,626.8	1,773.7	321.1	2,908.9	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	49.52
Apr-03	2,438.3	1,585.4	346.3	2,843.3	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	41.20
May-03	2,335.0	1,562.6	333.6	2,668.4	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	38.96
Jun-03	2,270.8	1,547.4	282.2	2,669.8	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	41.54
Jul-03	2,383.6	1,649.3	310.8	2,527.1	380.61	725.92	1.08	483.25	6.59	0.51	42.50
Aug-03	2,412.8	1,644.6	287.8	2,392.2	437.68	713.99	1.12	502.11	6.98	0.52	44.09
Sep-03	2,395.2	1,623.5	318.0	2,682.3	490.22	706.94	1.10	516.59	7.05	0.50	38.57
Oct-03	2,285.6	1,537.1	276.5	2,839.9	391.27	708.01	1.15	500.75	6.57	0.54	40.09
Nov-03	2,127.0	1,387.9	261.4	2,461.6	397.71	723.23	1.22	511.60	6.80	0.54	40.81
Dec-03	2,249.9	1,414.0	300.9	2,409.4	397.79	733.87	1.31	534.94	7.38	0.58	42.21
Jan-04	2,052.1	1,367.5	247.3	2,149.3	441.93	725.75	1.43	536.18	8.18	0.60	44.41
Feb-04	2,247.3	1,434.5	283.4	2,440.6	515.64	765.48	1.66	538.07	8.56	0.65	46.17
Mar-04	2,589.8	1,689.8	322.1	3,026.9	508.76	798.34	1.81	540.20	9.60	0.66	48.83
Apr-04	2,605.4	1,731.7	279.4	2,682.8	574.57	845.74	1.79	541.36	9.48	0.63	49.25
May-04	2,966.3	1,863.3	389.9	2,945.2	628.52	882.13	1.61	528.97	8.06	0.61	55.52
Jun-04	2,860.4	1,865.1	382.9	2,866.1	577.01	883.84	1.66	532.62	7.96	0.62	51.62
Jul-04	2,773.2	1,829.6	340.4	2,801.4	555.22	871.16	1.69	526.25	8.34	0.59	53.79
Aug-04	2,804.8	1,841.6	349.2	2,828.4	599.48	847.40	1.69	525.31	8.74	0.58	58.95
Sep-04	2,629.1	1,749.4	328.3	2,877.3	543.45	807.45	1.69	521.92	8.24	0.57	59.17
Oct-04	2,538.7	1,639.9	287.7	2,862.7	425.21	745.67	1.70	524.29	8.85	0.60	66.25
Nov-04	2,434.6	1,576.9	275.1	2,877.5	376.76	703.29	1.67	525.54	8.95	0.60	57.96
Dec-04	2,476.0	1,531.9	313.9	2,515.4	430.35	741.22	1.73	538.58	8.66	0.66	52.82
Jan-05	2,389.8	1,527.3	265.4	2,522.2	447.25	767.06	1.76	519.58	8.10	0.69	57.39
Feb-05	2,485.5	1,599.7	303.1	2,675.0	516.94	785.95	1.82	524.69	8.71	0.74	59.47
Mar-05	2,723.3	1,804.5	308.5	3,054.4	507.11	788.03	1.86	528.16	8.83	0.75	66.05
Apr-05	2,744.6	1,836.1	304.5	2,867.4	473.40	794.76	1.90	530.57	8.80	0.73	65.56
May-05	2,899.0	1,852.5	376.8	3,009.8	444.45	783.44	1.85	529.69	8.81	0.70	62.56
Jun-05	3,043.5	1,849.5	406.5	3,072.7	444.00	750.33	1.98	534.11	9.18	0.72	69.77
Jul-05	2,767.0	1,892.5	337.7	2,635.8	413.29	726.31	2.01	518.99	8.57	0.66	71.78
Aug-05	3,143.9	1,951.8	375.2	3,195.7	362.41	706.76	2.07	527.28	8.48	0.71	78.23
Sep-05	3,035.0	1,912.5	429.9	3,210.1	403.91	687.71	2.06	537.04	8.42	0.74	77.21
Oct-05	3,062.7	2,026.0	329.1	3,243.1	368.58	698.30	2.17	553.24	9.03	0.79	73.45
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 28,294.3	t 18,252.3	t 3,436.8	t 29,486.2	a 438.13	a 748.87	a 1.95	a 530.34	a 8.69	a 0.72	a 68.15
% change	8.5	7.3	7.0	7.3	-18.4	-8.4	16.4	-0.2	1.1	18.3	27.6
Last 12 months	33,204.9	21,361.1	4,025.7	34,879.1	432.37	744.43	1.91	530.62	8.71	0.71	66.02
Previous 12	30,443.9	19,814.2	3,772.9	32,351.7	513.77	802.51	1.61	530.14	8.35	0.60	51.42
% change	9.1	7.8	6.7	7.8	-15.8	-7.2	18.8	0.1	4.3	17.4	28.4
% ch. year ago	20.6	23.5	14.4	13.3	-13.3	-6.4	27.6	5.5	2.0	31.7	10.9
% ch prev mnth	0.9	5.9	-23.5	1.0	-8.7	1.5	5.3	3.0	7.2	6.8	-4.9

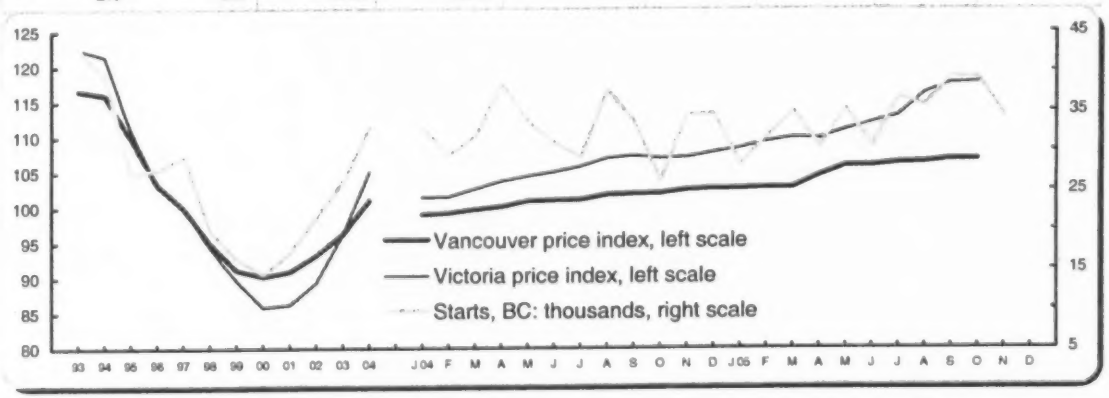




6 Construction and Housing

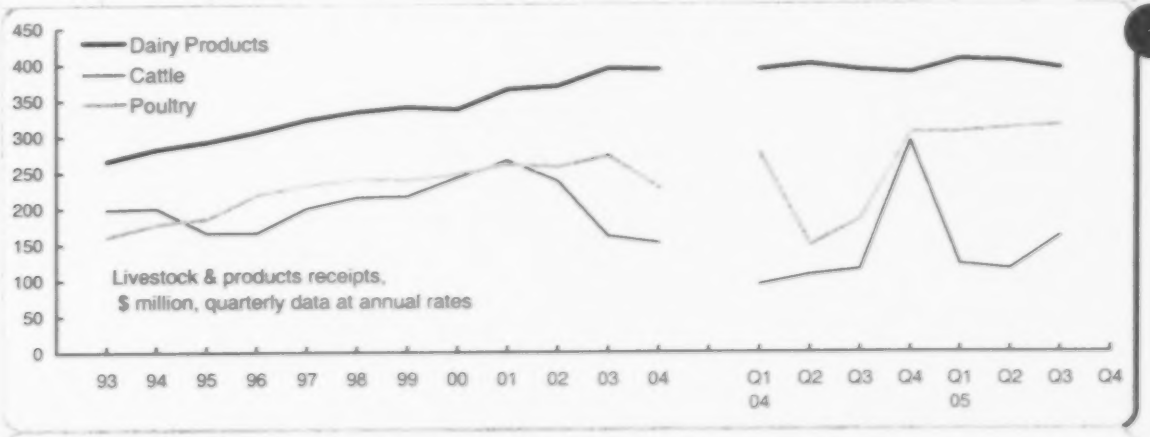
Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

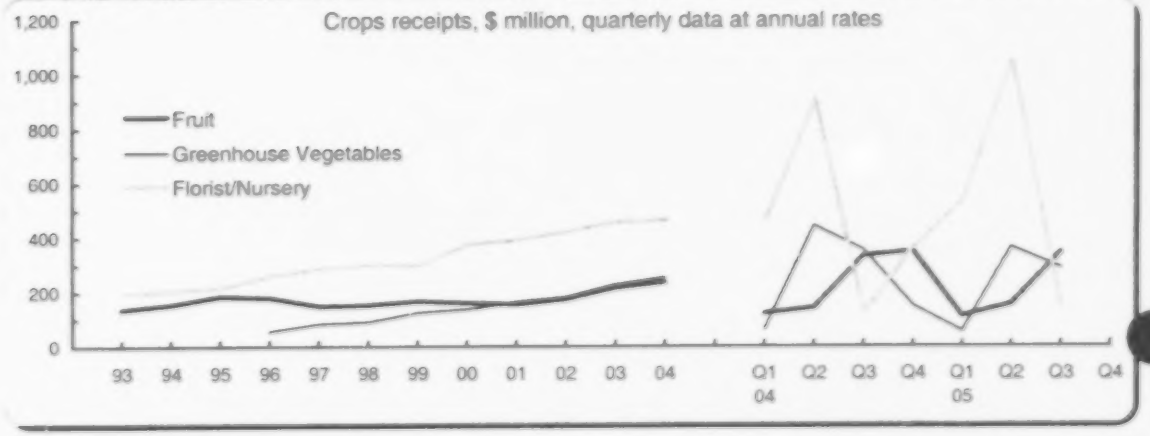
Period	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada) Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Housing Starts All Areas	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada) Vancouver	Victoria	MLS® Average Sale Price
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2001	4,954,772	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	90.9	86.2	220,952
2002	5,659,415	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	93.2	89.3	238,758
2003	6,394,238	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
Jan-03	481,441	319,116	18,846	107,332	36,147	19.2	94.2	91.6	242,202
Feb-03	399,519	282,881	11,044	73,104	32,490	26.0	95.0	92.2	252,186
Mar-03	536,734	419,344	10,789	79,820	26,781	24.8	95.3	92.8	252,979
Apr-03	521,648	331,637	36,824	98,387	54,800	24.2	95.6	93.9	250,071
May-03	498,262	359,113	13,091	98,525	27,533	20.9	96.4	94.2	250,522
Jun-03	479,935	342,127	16,070	84,186	37,552	22.8	96.5	95.7	256,107
Jul-03	592,734	384,395	35,241	107,044	66,054	30.2	96.7	96.8	255,162
Aug-03	517,403	365,844	16,783	92,399	42,377	27.3	96.5	98.1	264,008
Sep-03	712,974	485,325	23,417	108,930	95,302	31.9	96.6	98.7	267,870
Oct-03	532,720	392,589	30,595	82,263	27,273	33.7	97.1	99.7	271,750
Nov-03	530,766	373,473	20,284	110,006	27,003	26.4	97.5	100.4	278,780
Dec-03	590,101	458,338	11,040	87,629	33,094	27.2	97.6	100.9	276,371
Jan-04	640,322	473,262	6,975	137,537	22,548	32.8	99.0	101.4	274,852
Feb-04	625,773	492,787	24,844	98,213	9,929	29.5	99.2	101.5	282,348
Mar-04	575,877	435,899	15,345	96,286	28,347	31.8	99.7	102.6	286,844
Apr-04	586,608	459,848	13,719	93,903	19,138	38.5	100.1	103.7	291,398
May-04	579,501	441,574	17,612	84,062	36,253	33.6	100.9	104.4	289,975
Jun-04	1,028,549	775,697	48,218	142,886	61,748	30.9	101.0	105.0	287,158
Jul-04	607,230	440,474	27,024	68,784	70,948	29.1	101.1	105.8	281,604
Aug-04	608,297	412,654	37,720	118,517	39,406	37.6	101.8	107.0	285,140
Sep-04	716,017	550,565	28,060	101,576	35,816	33.6	101.9	107.3	287,547
Oct-04	531,157	422,713	14,598	78,441	15,405	26.1	102.0	107.0	301,576
Nov-04	791,418	566,501	68,221	92,032	64,664	34.6	102.5	107.1	296,667
Dec-04	647,976	396,963	25,714	115,788	109,511	34.6	102.7	107.8	303,977
Jan-05	652,427	467,530	20,733	110,574	53,590	28.3	102.7	108.4	292,931
Feb-05	800,047	555,395	14,641	192,150	37,861	31.7	102.8	109.3	312,594
Mar-05	906,372	523,919	29,540	247,350	105,563	35.0	102.8	109.9	320,262
Apr-05	861,759	591,849	24,761	205,096	40,053	30.5	104.5	109.8	323,674
May-05	804,504	528,840	18,409	148,599	108,656	35.2	105.9	111.0	331,021
Jun-05	863,428	538,775	41,145	161,627	121,881	30.5	105.9	112.0	330,291
Jul-05	770,989	489,766	44,321	114,350	122,552	36.7	106.3	113.0	334,675
Aug-05	965,338	664,688	37,498	153,203	109,949	35.7	106.4	116.2	334,802
Sep-05	906,329	659,446	16,409	171,714	58,760	39.3	106.8	117.6	348,803
Oct-05	932,895	705,304	24,126	124,626	78,839	39.2	106.8	117.7	347,581
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	34.4	-	-	345,741
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 8,464,088	t 8,599,815	t 271,583	t 1,629,289	t 837,704	a 34.2	a 105.1	a 112.5	a 329,307
% change	30.2	28.0	16.0	59.7	146.7	5.1	4.4	7.6	14.4
Last 12 months	9,903,482	9,818,143	365,518	1,837,109	1,011,879	34.3	104.7	111.7	327,196
Previous 12	7,620,198	7,647,702	265,439	1,217,840	399,635	32.1	100.2	103.9	286,790
% change	30.0	28.4	37.7	50.8	153.2	6.7	4.5	7.4	14.1
% ch. year ago	75.6	77.9	65.3	58.9	411.8	-0.6	4.7	10.0	16.5
% ch prev mnth	2.9	8.9	47.0	-27.4	34.2	-12.2	0.0	0.1	-0.5



7 Agriculture

Period	Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)										
	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total Farm Cash Receipts
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2001	364,478	265,941	260,897	279,450	1,170,766	154,782	163,835	394,354	280,866	993,837	2,224,466
2002	368,630	237,056	257,753	266,186	1,129,625	173,978	180,247	423,694	256,525	1,034,444	2,194,984
2003	393,102	160,624	272,982	254,977	1,081,685	215,266	226,209	459,247	243,435	1,144,157	2,285,248
2004	391,731	151,494	228,431	240,460	1,012,116	235,706	251,881	465,365	254,836	1,207,788	2,407,456
Q1-03	97,255	57,218	63,149	59,076	276,698	26,237	14,310	114,810	58,179	213,536	498,025
Q2-03	99,044	32,406	69,928	50,075	251,453	32,295	99,781	223,474	43,664	399,214	655,036
Q3-03	98,158	17,644	71,786	57,351	244,939	75,319	79,048	30,509	66,383	251,259	507,312
Q4-03	96,645	53,356	68,119	88,475	306,595	81,415	33,070	90,454	75,209	280,148	624,875
Q1-04	97,946	23,435	68,963	59,572	249,916	30,324	15,765	116,340	60,381	222,810	499,379
Q2-04	99,669	26,659	37,232	42,196	205,756	35,427	110,673	226,609	40,897	413,606	656,731
Q3-04	97,554	28,547	46,248	49,976	222,325	82,908	88,300	31,553	74,226	276,987	513,178
Q4-04	96,562	72,853	75,988	88,716	334,119	87,047	37,143	90,863	79,332	294,385	738,168
Q1-05	101,163	30,336	76,294	56,086	263,879	27,520	13,771	134,858	55,771	231,920	536,957
Q2-05	100,652	28,564	77,676	45,471	252,363	38,542	90,723	262,681	40,621	432,567	733,078
Q3-05	98,163	40,122	78,556	60,128	276,969	86,347	71,875	36,576	80,232	275,030	560,930
Q4-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(f-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 299,978	t 99,022	t 232,526	t 161,685	t 793,211	t 152,409	t 176,369	t 434,115	t 176,624	t 939,517	t 1,830,965
% change	1.6	25.9	52.5	6.6	17.0	2.5	-17.9	15.9	0.6	2.9	9.7
Last 4 quarters	396,540	171,875	308,514	250,401	1,127,330	239,456	213,512	524,978	255,956	1,233,902	2,569,133
Previous 4	393,814	131,997	220,562	240,219	986,592	230,074	247,806	464,956	250,713	1,193,551	2,294,163
% change	0.7	30.2	39.9	4.2	14.3	4.1	-13.8	12.9	2.1	3.4	12.0
% ch. year ago	0.6	40.5	69.9	20.3	24.6	1.5	-18.6	15.9	12.9	-0.7	9.3
% ch. prev qtr	-2.5	40.5	1.1	32.2	9.8	98.1	-20.8	-86.1	130.2	-36.4	-23.5

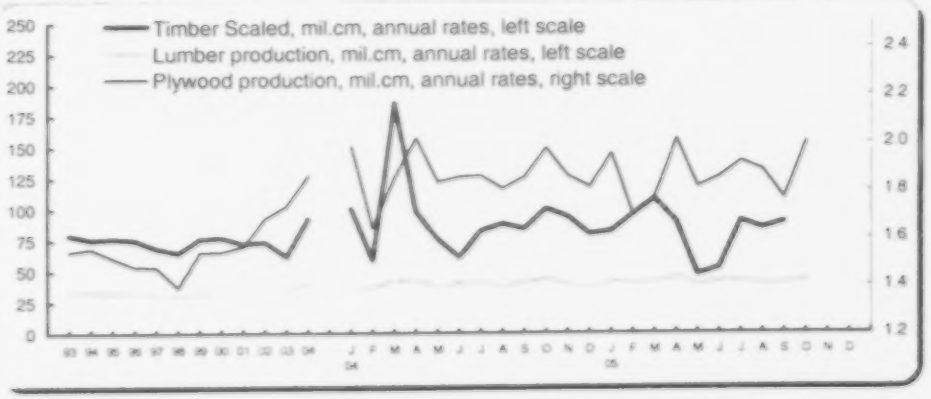




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

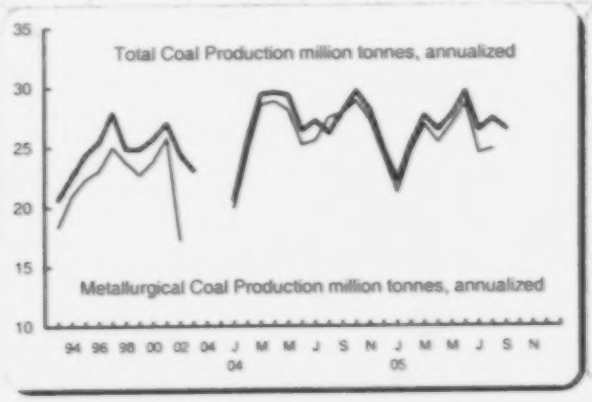
Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Cubic metres (000s)		Cubic metres	Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2001	72,212	32,605.7	1,563,884	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,519	35,500.9	1,680,352	1,159	1,731	2,890	4,477	1,171	1,729	7,380
2003	61,925	36,030.9	1,733,080	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
2004	92,361	39,879.3	1,863,057	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
Jan-03	5,290	3,246.8	146,395	106	154	260	441	104	145	689
Feb-03	9,296	3,168.1	143,287	95	141	236	390	90	153	633
Mar-03	10,494	3,346.8	147,246	106	143	249	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,288.3	153,464	102	148	250	374	100	152	626
May-03	4,933	3,092.9	138,689	97	154	251	336	96	150	582
Jun-03	2,615	2,906.8	146,246	88	116	204	358	104	132	594
Jul-03	2,884	2,948.2	135,981	103	124	227	434	97	133	593
Aug-03	4,805	2,492.7	130,438	102	121	223	416	94	137	646
Sep-03	4,126	2,852.1	147,744	92	125	217	448	102	133	683
Oct-03	3,647	3,354.8	166,120	101	166	267	382	90	156	628
Nov-03	69	2,707.2	141,692	100	152	252	371	104	149	625
Dec-03	9,362	2,626.2	135,778	98	148	246	419	95	145	659
Jan-04	8,387	3,023.5	165,383	103	151	254	389	96	139	624
Feb-04	4,894	3,170.3	136,844	96	147	243	387	96	140	622
Mar-04	15,492	3,557.0	154,530	98	164	262	386	112	171	669
Apr-04	8,174	3,554.6	168,132	102	156	258	388	89	155	631
May-04	6,313	3,148.0	152,888	95	147	242	392	97	156	645
Jun-04	5,090	3,387.1	154,608	84	145	229	353	103	154	610
Jul-04	6,876	3,407.2	155,068	96	159	255	360	93	159	612
Aug-04	7,327	3,167.9	150,452	88	156	244	350	82	147	580
Sep-04	7,002	3,440.7	154,500	85	153	238	391	89	150	630
Oct-04	8,338	3,699.3	164,606	104	148	252	449	86	149	684
Nov-04	7,822	3,263.7	154,964	92	149	241	415	96	155	665
Dec-04	6,646	3,060.0	151,082	101	168	269	464	96	166	726
Jan-05	6,849	3,496.5	162,852	90	162	252	390	85	156	631
Feb-05	7,966	3,393.5	141,470	87	146	233	371	90	151	612
Mar-05	9,031	3,452.2	147,391	90	151	241	398	96	151	646
Apr-05	7,460	3,804.3	167,804	86	159	245	392	92	157	641
May-05	3,925	3,269.7	151,197	85	141	226	386	84	147	618
Jun-05	4,373	3,509.2	154,568	84	151	235	423	88	149	660
Jul-05	7,536	3,516.2	159,965	92	159	251	354	65	146	565
Aug-05	7,023	3,345.1	156,962	84	162	246	461	95	168	724
Sep-05	7,452	3,405.1	147,067	84	160	244	443	97	158	698
Oct-05	-	3,610.2	166,820	92	169	261	447	92	173	712
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 61,615	t 34,802	t 1,556,096	t 874	t 1,560	t 2,434	t 4,065	t 884	t 1,556	t 6,507
% change	-11.4	3.7	-0.1	-8.1	2.2	-1.7	5.7	-6.3	2.4	3.2
Last 12 months	84,421	41,126	1,862,142	1,067	1,877	2,944	4,944	1,076	1,877	7,898
Previous 12	82,633	38,889	1,834,481	1,149	1,826	2,975	4,635	1,142	1,814	7,591
% change	2.2	5.8	1.5	-7.1	2.8	-1.0	6.7	-5.8	3.5	4.0
% ch. year ago	6.4	-2.4	1.3	-11.5	14.2	3.6	-0.4	7.0	16.1	4.1
% ch. prev mnth	6.1	6.0	13.4	9.5	5.6	7.0	0.9	-5.2	9.5	2.0

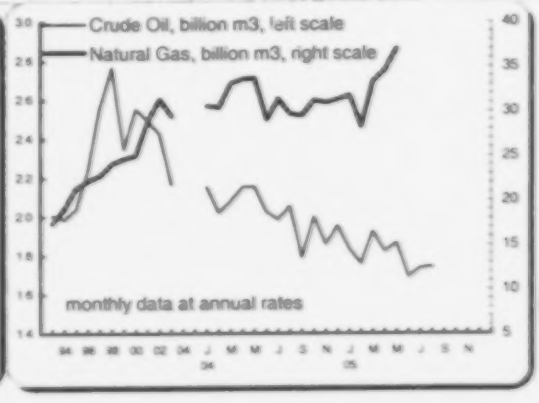


9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Statistics Canada (total) & Min. of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

Period	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,006.0	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	17,256.6	24,397.0	248.3	6.3	68.0	8.0	21.7	652.7	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
2003	-	-	23,061.0	245.5	20.0	65.7	8.9	22.9	676.9	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,050,922
2004	-	-	27,082.0	239.9	2.3	44.7	9.5	20.1	593.3	-	-	60,595,613
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,897.0	19.6	2.0	8.0	0.8	1.5	36.6	2,449.3	181.6	6,305,368
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.0	18.7	1.5	7.2	0.7	1.6	47.6	2,211.7	160.1	5,415,832
Mar-03	169.0	1,796.4	1,965.0	20.2	1.6	0.4	0.8	2.1	77.1	2,507.3	167.0	5,452,418
Apr-03	247.7	1,743.3	1,992.0	20.7	1.7	6.7	0.8	1.6	54.8	2,544.6	175.2	4,399,687
May-03	183.9	1,940.1	2,124.0	21.3	1.8	6.7	0.6	2.0	56.8	2,567.7	193.1	4,373,885
Jun-03	46.4	1,734.6	1,781.0	18.7	1.4	6.6	0.7	2.1	45.5	2,419.6	184.9	4,296,546
Jul-03	52.6	1,715.1	1,768.0	20.4	1.8	2.9	0.6	1.6	49.3	2,311.8	183.3	5,246,845
Aug-03	47.3	1,416.4	1,478.0	21.8	1.6	6.3	0.7	2.2	65.2	2,524.6	182.9	5,339,448
Sep-03	76.0	1,347.2	1,943.0	20.8	1.9	6.0	0.9	2.3	73.3	2,443.4	181.8	4,806,675
Oct-03	54.1	1,515.4	2,125.0	21.6	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.6	46.5	2,525.4	193.0	4,959,737
Nov-03	54.3	1,465.7	2,121.0	18.8	1.5	3.9	0.8	1.9	57.6	2,447.0	182.8	5,960,032
Dec-03	44.2	1,233.3	1,868.0	22.8	1.9	10.8	0.8	2.5	66.6	2,531.0	182.5	6,494,449
Jan-04	59.3	1,662.0	1,721.0	15.2	-	-	0.7	0.9	32.5	2,548.7	179.4	6,694,914
Feb-04	95.5	2,041.0	2,137.0	17.3	-	-	0.8	1.1	38.0	2,535.2	168.5	5,443,423
Mar-04	70.9	2,379.9	2,452.0	20.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	2.0	62.9	2,759.0	173.2	4,945,324
Apr-04	62.8	2,402.2	2,465.0	20.0	0.1	11.6	0.9	2.3	65.5	2,801.1	179.4	4,513,015
May-04	106.7	2,340.6	2,445.0	18.8	0.4	6.7	0.8	1.9	50.4	2,806.2	179.6	4,384,434
Jun-04	96.0	2,101.1	2,197.0	19.5	0.4	3.2	0.7	1.6	46.3	2,422.0	168.7	4,135,339
Jul-04	57.8	2,126.5	2,267.0	19.6	0.1	6.1	1.0	1.3	30.7	2,614.3	165.6	5,161,783
Aug-04	69.9	2,288.7	2,179.0	19.3	-	-	0.7	1.5	36.6	2,471.6	171.2	4,984,243
Sep-04	62.3	2,321.2	2,328.0	20.2	0.3	7.0	0.7	1.9	60.0	2,459.6	149.4	4,060,909
Oct-04	67.6	2,406.2	2,474.0	20.6	-	3.3	0.8	2.2	54.8	2,596.6	166.5	4,669,500
Nov-04	70.1	2,278.6	2,344.0	24.2	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.9	64.7	2,578.8	154.9	5,353,623
Dec-04	55.4	2,021.1	2,073.0	24.4	0.4	3.5	0.7	1.5	50.9	2,606.2	162.6	6,249,106
Jan-05	26.9	1,769.1	1,849.0	17.9	-	3.2	0.6	1.0	40.4	2,644.6	152.7	6,482,183
Feb-05	25.9	2,056.2	2,111.0	19.5	0.6	3.5	0.7	1.3	49.5	2,354.9	146.6	5,420,323
Mar-05	65.4	2,235.3	2,301.0	26.1	0.5	5.7	0.6	1.4	34.4	2,776.8	160.2	4,992,145
Apr-05	87.7	2,116.7	2,204.0	24.9	0.2	4.6	0.7	1.5	48.3	2,880.6	152.0	4,816,336
May-05	71.3	2,237.2	2,308.0	24.0	0.5	6.1	0.7	1.2	43.3	3,080.3	155.4	4,499,628
Jun-05	66.8	2,389.2	2,469.0	23.8	0.0	0.8	0.8	1.4	38.2	-	141.1	4,729,798
Jul-05	97.6	2,041.8	2,201.0	21.7	0.3	6.7	0.4	1.4	29.4	-	144.8	5,927,777
Aug-05	90.3	2,068.6	2,281.0	24.5	0.4	4.5	0.7	1.5	33.1	-	145.3	6,392,645
Sep-05	-	-	2,207.0	24.6	-	-	0.9	1.4	29.6	-	-	5,575,539
Oct-05	-	-	-	26.1	-	-	0.5	1.4	29.9	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot. a-avg) YTD	t 531.9	t 16,914.1	t 19,931.0	t 233.1	t 2.4	t 35.1	t 6.7	t 13.6	t 376.1	t 13,737.2	t 1,198.1	t 48,836,374
% change	-14.1	-2.5	-1.3	21.9	90.5	25.8	-17.5	-18.1	-21.3	2.1	-13.5	10.2
Last 12 months	787.3	25,941.2	26,822.0	261.7	3.4	51.9	8.1	17.1	491.7	31,488.3	1,831.5	65,108,603
Previous 12	847.5	22,903.6	26,305.0	232.9	7.9	48.8	9.7	21.0	601.9	30,653.0	2,125.7	61,737,602
% change	-7.1	13.3	2.0	21.0	-56.5	6.4	-16.4	-18.9	-18.3	2.7	-13.8	5.5
% ch. year ago	29.2	-9.6	-5.2	26.7	0.0	0.0	-32.1	-34.1	-45.4	9.8	-15.1	37.3
% ch. prev mnth	-7.5	1.3	-3.2	6.1	60.7	-32.8	-41.1	1.4	1.0	6.9	0.3	-12.8

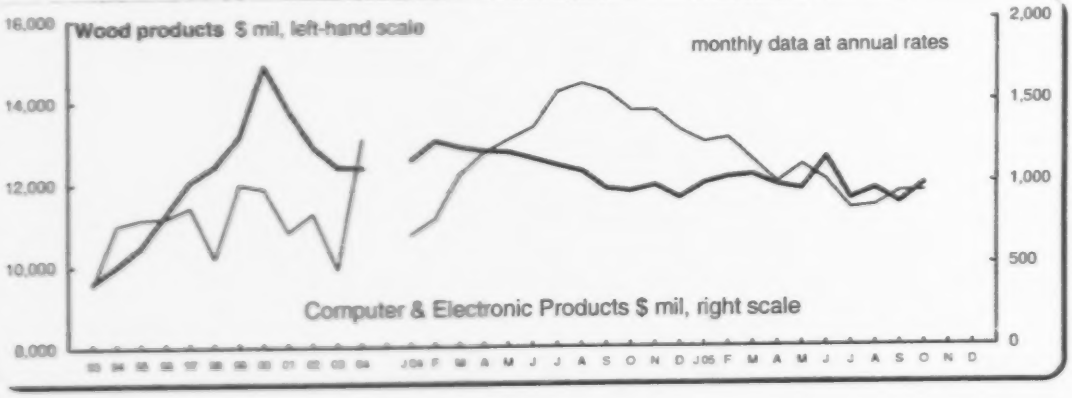




10 Manufacturing – Durables, NAICS based

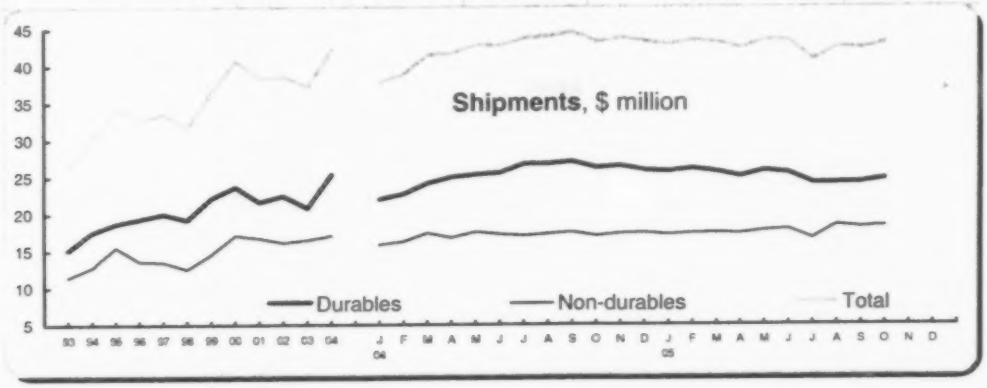
Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2001	38,302,590	21,614,636	10,817,105	1,057,070	1,692,085	1,539,077	1,448,553	-	1,670,882
2002	38,511,548	22,419,104	11,261,802	1,268,304	1,706,774	1,679,295	1,223,672	-	1,564,813
2003	37,243,134	20,780,663	9,911,332	1,415,675	1,713,789	1,832,739	1,101,172	-	990,838
2004	42,343,605	25,306,221	13,081,544	1,570,582	2,019,402	2,126,825	1,094,936	-	1,060,744
Jan-03	3,188,704	1,796,148	870,459	127,117	144,812	153,873	84,033	-	88,142
Feb-03	3,123,879	1,779,708	861,302	119,982	150,011	161,245	82,190	-	82,492
Mar-03	3,094,064	1,687,283	816,211	116,595	139,620	145,684	76,431	-	84,331
Apr-03	3,077,844	1,677,653	799,096	114,298	138,019	151,009	90,359	-	83,874
May-03	2,994,703	1,621,742	751,496	113,862	135,667	153,153	91,392	-	79,479
Jun-03	3,006,645	1,655,055	776,208	114,996	139,901	150,351	88,157	-	81,380
Jul-03	3,086,721	1,710,712	805,566	113,569	139,915	152,588	96,055	-	80,651
Aug-03	3,100,013	1,712,173	806,156	113,708	137,607	156,545	99,984	-	77,725
Sep-03	3,218,937	1,823,249	877,583	119,898	158,068	148,791	105,169	-	87,838
Oct-03	3,119,759	1,775,670	845,724	114,794	141,086	159,002	101,870	-	81,543
Nov-03	3,130,768	1,791,837	865,595	120,990	139,162	157,680	101,793	-	81,558
Dec-03	3,101,108	1,747,439	835,935	125,867	149,922	142,818	83,738	-	81,822
Jan-04	3,150,103	1,831,640	895,590	129,478	138,304	160,158	95,283	-	90,429
Feb-04	3,244,055	1,891,443	927,375	131,191	150,982	161,721	104,776	-	85,213
Mar-04	3,459,621	2,011,861	1,016,908	127,673	160,058	167,609	101,554	-	93,963
Apr-04	3,475,797	2,079,816	1,062,035	129,426	165,738	168,554	99,703	-	85,170
May-04	3,570,773	2,110,242	1,088,813	122,738	167,957	169,880	99,153	-	91,876
Jun-04	3,565,225	2,130,154	1,113,520	126,400	168,360	172,922	95,811	-	89,807
Jul-04	3,644,725	2,225,049	1,186,345	127,628	170,679	198,873	92,365	-	82,950
Aug-04	3,666,732	2,229,084	1,202,067	122,374	173,382	186,629	89,391	-	89,475
Sep-04	3,710,957	2,253,164	1,186,938	131,781	181,855	190,067	80,364	-	90,889
Oct-04	3,600,688	2,185,009	1,147,602	138,120	179,114	179,844	79,000	-	93,278
Nov-04	3,646,753	2,203,686	1,147,445	141,481	183,037	183,935	81,942	-	87,101
Dec-04	3,608,169	2,155,069	1,106,901	142,293	179,935	186,633	75,595	-	80,596
Jan-05	3,571,895	2,142,401	1,083,199	133,637	188,633	200,759	83,076	-	88,547
Feb-05	3,619,046	2,174,249	1,090,927	144,175	190,148	183,363	86,168	-	81,947
Mar-05	3,593,005	2,139,807	1,045,089	150,454	185,023	192,600	87,205	-	96,376
Apr-05	3,528,656	2,085,705	999,778	149,528	183,376	191,046	81,945	-	91,318
May-05	3,625,509	2,151,785	1,035,456	153,637	189,466	216,163	79,816	-	93,219
Jun-05	3,613,825	2,124,528	1,004,123	151,017	181,307	191,671	95,962	-	94,517
Jul-05	3,398,185	2,012,692	946,375	151,114	182,795	191,940	74,735	-	86,564
Aug-05	3,546,260	2,010,641	951,327	154,665	181,798	180,185	79,736	-	93,806
Sep-05	3,529,413	2,019,169	979,661	153,326	185,598	211,781	72,566	-	91,385
Oct-05	3,582,766	2,055,839	981,312	160,597	182,637	204,216	82,196	-	97,759
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 35,608,560	t 20,916,816	t 10,117,247	t 1,502,150	t 1,850,781	t 1,963,724	t 823,405	t 0	t 915,438
% change	1.5	-0.1	-6.6	16.7	11.7	11.8	-12.2	0.0	2.5
Last 12 months	42,863,482	25,275,571	12,371,593	1,785,924	2,213,753	2,334,292	980,942	0	1,083,135
Previous 12	41,320,550	24,486,738	12,528,723	1,533,666	1,945,513	2,056,755	1,122,931	0	1,056,430
% change	3.7	3.2	-1.3	16.4	13.8	13.5	-12.6	0.0	2.5
% ch. year ago	-0.5	-5.9	-14.5	16.3	2.0	13.6	4.0	0.0	4.8
% ch. prev mnth	1.5	1.8	0.2	4.7	-1.6	-3.6	13.3	0.0	7.0



11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

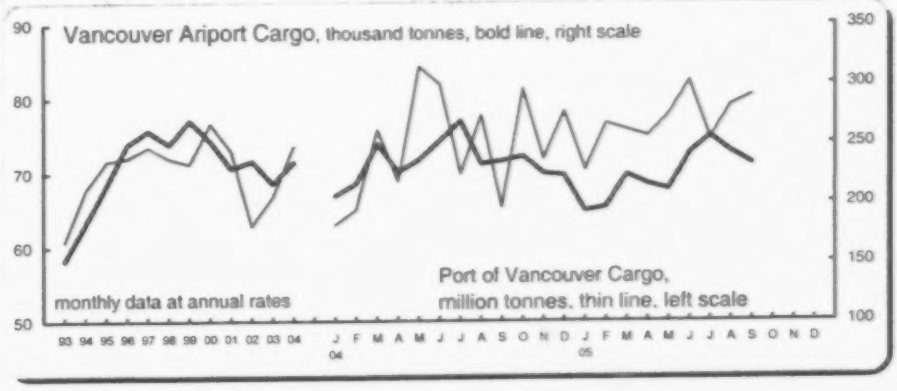
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
2001	16,687,953	4,525,550	992,470	6,263,088	908,529	-	1,000,572	1,057,740
2002	16,092,443	4,752,512	1,087,141	5,496,248	828,868	-	1,016,553	1,059,977
2003	16,462,469	4,918,125	1,091,227	5,650,853	758,499	-	1,083,911	1,161,803
2004	17,037,384	5,053,924	1,129,515	5,874,768	779,365	-	1,269,970	1,150,813
Jan-03	1,390,556	420,719	95,455	474,168	64,260	-	91,724	92,573
Feb-03	1,344,171	405,024	90,627	437,397	66,677	-	92,960	95,472
Mar-03	1,406,781	408,187	88,817	503,330	62,501	-	89,599	97,161
Apr-03	1,400,191	413,200	89,960	493,610	59,727		93,808	96,337
May-03	1,372,961	400,994	92,509	486,189	58,532	-	90,316	99,646
Jun-03	1,351,590	408,601	88,593	459,626	61,700	-	87,210	100,732
Jul-03	1,376,009	417,235	87,143	470,366	60,905	-	88,524	102,295
Aug-03	1,387,840	410,141	89,921	478,672	70,506	-	93,923	95,328
Sep-03	1,395,688	413,150	89,524	497,754	62,462	-	88,727	94,419
Oct-03	1,344,089	410,373	96,998	442,507	61,672	-	84,775	97,025
Nov-03	1,338,931	404,474	88,861	447,960	64,347	-	91,236	96,033
Dec-03	1,353,667	406,027	92,820	459,274	65,210	-	91,110	94,783
Jan-04	1,318,463	409,966	93,911	435,875	59,847	-	90,042	90,264
Feb-04	1,352,612	406,669	93,355	464,679	62,870	-	88,810	96,230
Mar-04	1,447,760	420,631	94,713	525,796	62,973	-	92,531	99,281
Apr-04	1,395,981	407,137	97,974	471,147	63,669	-	102,921	94,891
May-04	1,460,531	406,296	89,303	552,062	63,153	-	104,724	89,394
Jun-04	1,435,071	415,169	91,945	517,102	65,382	-	115,541	89,760
Jul-04	1,419,676	417,156	93,387	493,336	64,425	-	111,064	96,675
Aug-04	1,437,648	428,845	92,127	496,564	69,246	-	108,684	97,467
Sep-04	1,457,793	431,258	96,174	500,923	70,183	-	110,889	100,022
Oct-04	1,415,679	431,067	93,678	462,490	66,560	-	115,529	98,987
Nov-04	1,443,067	443,907	96,491	465,721	66,800	-	115,442	98,668
Dec-04	1,453,100	435,824	96,456	489,073	64,257	-	113,793	99,175
Jan-05	1,429,494	445,272	95,483	456,067	67,255	-	107,650	102,492
Feb-05	1,444,797	446,237	100,288	453,963	67,581	-	120,246	105,214
Mar-05	1,453,198	443,956	102,732	485,223	69,004	-	116,133	102,388
Apr-05	1,442,951	442,499	100,514	463,830	72,553	-	111,421	105,744
May-05	1,473,724	447,388	104,349	482,466	76,242	-	111,871	98,077
Jun-05	1,489,297	437,683	103,261	490,386	78,431	-	110,700	106,305
Jul-05	1,385,493	438,070	99,492	405,545	75,203	-	108,792	102,800
Aug-05	1,535,619	458,240	103,488	510,831	78,895	-	113,609	106,951
Sep-05	1,510,244	462,585	104,808	473,876	76,237	-	123,387	110,399
Oct-05	1,526,927	465,879	100,840	494,496	80,690	-	111,259	116,453
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 14,691,744	t 4,487,809	t 1,015,255	t 4,716,683	t 742,091	t 0	t 1,135,068	t 1,056,823
% change	3.9	7.5	8.4	-4.1	14.5	0.0	9.1	10.9
Last 12 months	17,587,911	5,367,540	1,208,202	5,671,477	873,148	0	1,364,303	1,254,666
Previous 12	16,833,812	4,984,695	1,118,248	5,827,208	777,865	0	1,223,081	1,143,787
% change	4.5	7.7	8.0	-2.7	12.2	0.0	11.5	9.7
% ch. year ago	7.9	8.1	7.6	6.9	21.2	0.0	-3.7	17.6
% ch prev mnth	1.1	0.7	-3.8	4.4	5.8	0.0	-9.8	5.5



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

Period	Freight shipments: Port of Vancouver: Shipping - Cargo Handled: Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Vancouver Airport: Cargo Handled	Passengers: Arrivals/ Departures	BC Ferries: Mainland/Vancouver Island Passengers	Vehicles	Coquihalla Hwy Pas'nger Vehicles
	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,721	2,518
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
2004	70,289	3,283	73,574	233,809	7,986	11,184	3,797	2,572
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,478	271	5,750	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	4,919	238	5,156	19,895	715	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	5,136	287	5,423	19,217	784	1,650	492	388
Sep-03	5,131	266	5,397	18,472	636	948	334	227
Oct-03	6,493	264	6,757	19,606	636	833	296	209
Nov-03	6,096	268	6,364	18,614	524	647	239	112
Dec-03	5,901	239	6,140	19,235	626	688	235	138
Jan-04	4,971	277	5,249	17,140	552	556	207	96
Feb-04	5,155	262	5,417	17,999	571	620	232	117
Mar-04	6,045	267	6,312	20,772	619	771	278	167
Apr-04	5,499	240	5,739	18,801	606	862	305	209
May-04	6,725	295	7,020	19,659	666	965	319	241
Jun-04	6,522	299	6,821	20,993	705	993	333	240
Jul-04	5,550	270	5,819	22,369	794	1,450	442	386
Aug-04	6,175	300	6,475	19,347	831	1,560	477	381
Sep-04	5,155	288	5,444	19,580	711	1,025	356	260
Oct-04	6,523	247	6,770	19,898	680	908	311	207
Nov-04	5,703	285	5,989	18,692	569	660	250	121
Dec-04	6,266	253	6,519	18,559	683	814	287	147
Jan-05	5,592	275	5,866	16,061	627	539	204	96
Feb-05	6,110	279	6,388	16,321	605	602	228	121
Mar-05	6,023	291	6,314	18,594	674	842	297	194
Apr-05	6,011	232	6,243	17,948	614	790	292	182
May-05	6,215	267	6,482	17,571	692	985	330	255
Jun-05	6,554	311	6,865	20,107	748	1,017	345	255
Jul-05	5,808	413	6,221	21,286	816	1,433	442	398
Aug-05	6,271	318	6,589	20,198	868	1,532	477	388
Sep-05	5,455	242	6,697	19,374	736	1,018	352	267
Oct-05	-	-	-	-	-	837	292	200
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	663	248	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 54,039	t 2,628	t 57,665	t 167,460	t 6,380	t 10,258	t 3,507	t 2,354
% change	4.3	5.2	6.2	-5.2	5.4	-1.1	-0.1	2.2
Last 12 months	72,531	3,413	76,943	224,609	8,311	11,072	3,794	2,622
Previous 12	70,287	3,269	73,557	234,115	7,841	11,058	3,745	2,554
% change	3.2	4.4	4.6	-4.1	6.0	0.1	1.3	2.7
% ch. year ago	5.8	-16.0	23.0	-1.1	3.6	0.5	-0.8	-3.4
% ch prev mnth	-13.0	-23.9	1.6	-4.1	-15.2	-20.8	-15.1	-25.4

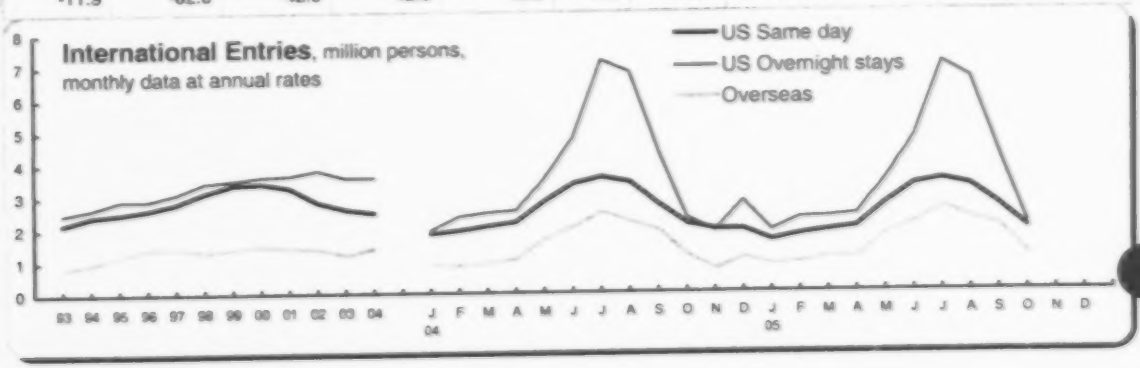


13 Service Sector – Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS

	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Interntl
Period	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,808,063	3,787,823	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	58.9	107,107	256,945	1,506,188	3,855	3,600
2003	2,580,696	3,556,744	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
2004	2,477,573	3,561,522	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.4	105,581	249,553	1,592,095	3,965	3,775
Jan-03	182,091	182,462	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.1	1,525	14,300	129,799	292	289
Feb-03	166,881	210,112	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.3	4,125	23,500	130,774	277	240
Mar-03	171,047	203,096	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.8	18,947	23,200	123,644	314	274
Apr-03	183,054	195,417	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.7	9,239	14,790	120,278	244	203
May-03	234,763	286,647	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.2	13,589	19,050	120,457	299	200
Jun-03	265,979	395,933	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,769	20,100	116,822	366	249
Jul-03	300,416	561,027	861,443	163,394	1,024,837	71.2	1,530	2,490	118,694	453	314
Aug-03	321,846	625,664	947,510	171,241	1,118,751	79.2	828	20,000	125,532	482	375
Sep-03	236,533	315,978	552,511	137,493	690,004	66.8	10,223	20,400	119,820	321	312
Oct-03	178,405	193,284	371,689	82,542	454,231	56.7	29,509	27,754	125,469	248	276
Nov-03	172,458	161,031	333,489	59,676	393,165	48.1	8,557	10,804	125,604	233	229
Dec-03	167,223	226,093	393,316	87,208	480,524	43.9	834	1,000	129,787	285	279
Jan-04	152,888	161,360	314,248	72,760	387,008	45.2	1,872	8,678	129,979	289	295
Feb-04	160,414	195,702	356,116	71,414	427,530	55.3	16,716	10,940	130,256	286	249
Mar-04	171,802	205,608	377,410	78,220	455,630	61.1	12,755	57,100	129,086	320	280
Apr-04	180,945	210,875	391,820	87,463	479,283	60.9	4,842	37,000	132,987	291	271
May-04	233,539	290,863	524,402	139,800	664,202	64.9	12,522	32,400	130,660	320	319
Jun-04	278,468	397,347	675,815	169,481	845,296	69.6	10,923	17,009	131,936	373	355
Jul-04	295,574	594,325	889,899	206,851	1,096,750	76.7	4,582	7,200	134,187	453	397
Aug-04	282,366	564,277	846,643	181,621	1,028,264	77.3	3,800	12,500	130,421	474	421
Sep-04	225,481	362,227	587,708	159,323	747,031	71.3	6,272	20,760	135,206	345	358
Oct-04	175,080	190,329	365,409	94,030	459,439	58.7	26,572	13,800	133,101	265	302
Nov-04	160,437	156,051	316,488	59,092	375,580	49.3	3,524	7,866	135,060	248	238
Dec-04	160,579	232,558	393,137	88,599	481,736	46.6	1,201	24,300	139,217	299	290
Jan-05	131,376	156,509	287,885	72,030	359,915	45.3	3,655	11,800	135,245	314	307
Feb-05	146,463	188,229	334,692	75,675	410,367	57.6	6,517	9,300	136,432	288	265
Mar-05	155,680	190,992	346,672	90,157	436,829	61.8	6,628	42,375	135,528	349	297
Apr-05	164,877	197,123	362,000	88,017	450,017	63.8	11,766	21,400	134,876	298	302
May-05	223,119	285,885	509,004	148,381	657,385	68.5	12,320	17,115	139,502	346	338
Jun-05	272,179	394,299	666,478	176,756	843,234	73.0	3,873	65,280	139,142	376	369
Jul-05	285,047	585,978	871,025	216,706	1,087,731	78.7	10,350	-	138,198	461	423
Aug-05	269,417	545,371	814,788	185,395	1,000,183	80.9	1,620	3,900	137,542	463	442
Sep-05	219,815	354,685	574,500	166,737	741,237	77.2	12,810	30,080	-	345	370
Oct-05	160,016	173,176	333,192	95,131	428,323	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 2,027,989	t 3,072,247	t 5,100,236	t 1,314,985	t 6,415,221	a 67.4	t 69,539	t 201,250	t 1,096,465	t 3,241	t 3,113
% change	-6.0	-3.2	-4.3	4.3	-2.7	4.2	-6.4	-1.1	4.5	2.8	5.6
Last 12 months	2,349,005	3,480,856	5,809,861	1,462,676	7,272,537	63.5	100,836	247,216	1,639,049	4,053	3,942
Previous 12	2,496,238	3,560,037	6,056,275	1,407,847	7,464,122	60.9	113,184	243,145	1,550,192	3,918	3,731
% change	-5.9	-2.8	-4.1	3.9	-2.6	4.2	-10.9	1.7	5.7	3.4	5.7
% ch. year ago	-4.6	-14.6	-8.8	1.2	-6.8	8.3	104.2	44.9	5.5	0.0	3.3
% ch. prev mnth	-11.9	-62.0	-42.0	-42.9	-42.2	-4.6	690.7	671.3	-0.5	-25.5	-16.2



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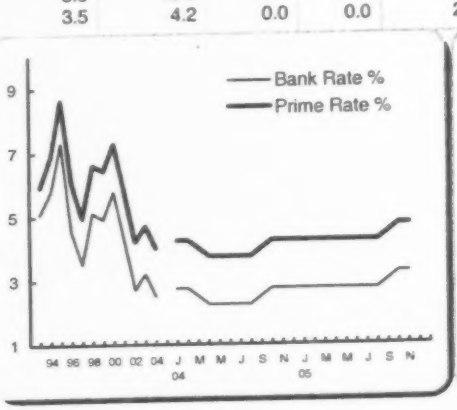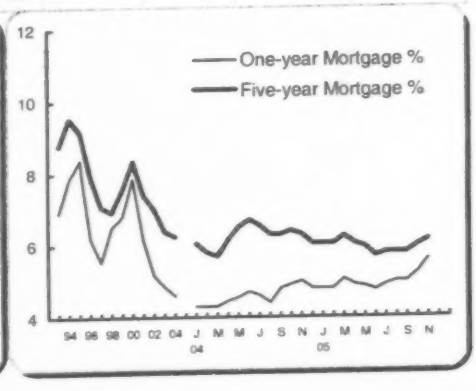
	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	87.04
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	92.47
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	9,021.5	6,983.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
Jul-03	9,233.8	7,257.9	3.25	4.75	6.20	4.55	1.04	1.3815	88.16
Aug-03	9,415.8	7,510.3	3.25	4.75	6.35	4.55	1.00	1.3957	87.40
Sep-03	9,275.1	7,421.1	3.00	4.50	6.30	4.55	1.00	1.3632	89.23
Oct-03	9,801.1	7,772.7	3.00	4.50	6.40	4.55	1.00	1.3218	91.48
Nov-03	9,782.5	7,859.4	3.00	4.50	6.50	4.75	0.99	1.3126	92.09
Dec-03	10,453.9	8,220.9	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.75	0.96	1.3128	91.65
Jan-04	10,488.1	8,521.4	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.30	1.02	1.2960	92.54
Feb-04	10,583.9	8,788.5	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.30	1.00	1.3290	90.19
Mar-04	10,357.7	8,585.9	2.50	4.00	5.70	4.30	1.01	1.3284	90.55
Apr-04	10,225.6	8,244.0	2.25	3.75	6.15	4.45	1.00	1.3425	89.74
May-04	10,188.5	8,417.3	2.25	3.75	6.50	4.55	0.99	1.3783	87.57
Jun-04	10,435.5	8,545.6	2.25	3.75	6.70	4.70	1.11	1.3577	88.68
Jul-04	10,139.7	8,458.1	2.25	3.75	6.55	4.60	1.26	1.3219	91.00
Aug-04	10,173.9	8,377.0	2.25	3.75	6.30	4.40	1.51	1.3118	91.80
Sep-04	10,080.3	8,668.3	2.50	4.00	6.30	4.80	1.76	1.2878	93.52
Oct-04	10,027.5	8,871.0	2.75	4.25	6.40	4.90	1.74	1.2469	96.36
Nov-04	10,428.0	9,030.1	2.75	4.25	6.30	5.00	2.00	1.1961	99.92
Dec-04	10,783.0	9,246.7	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2191	97.74
Jan-05	10,489.9	9,204.1	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2253	97.41
Feb-05	10,766.2	9,668.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.52	1.2397	96.40
Mar-05	10,503.8	9,612.4	2.75	4.25	6.25	5.05	2.77	1.2161	98.17
Apr-05	10,192.5	9,369.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.90	2.74	1.2360	96.82
May-05	10,467.5	9,607.3	2.75	4.25	5.95	4.85	3.01	1.2555	95.45
Jun-05	10,275.0	9,902.8	2.75	4.25	5.70	4.75	3.11	1.2402	97.06
Jul-05	10,640.9	10,422.9	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.90	3.26	1.2227	98.76
Aug-05	10,481.6	10,668.9	2.75	4.25	5.80	5.00	3.55	1.2040	100.02
Sep-05	10,568.7	11,011.8	3.00	4.50	5.80	5.00	3.77	1.1776	102.32
Oct-05	10,440.1	10,383.3	3.25	4.75	6.00	5.25	3.76	1.1776	102.67
Nov-05	10,805.9	10,824.1	3.25	4.75	6.15	5.60	4.02	1.1811	102.71
Dec-05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 10,512.0	a 10,061.4	a 2.86	a 4.36	a 5.96	a 4.99	a 3.16	a 1.2160	a 98.89
% change	2.2	17.1	15.6	9.7	-4.6	9.1	141.5	-7.1	7.5
Last 12 months	10,534.6	9,993.5	2.85	4.35	5.97	4.98	3.09	1.2162	98.79
Previous 12	10,298.6	8,560.7	2.52	4.02	6.27	4.59	1.28	1.3091	91.96
% change	2.3	16.7	13.2	8.3	-4.7	8.4	141.2	-7.1	7.4
% ch. year ago	3.6	19.9	18.2	11.8	-2.4	12.0	101.0	-1.3	2.8
% ch. prev mnth	3.5	4.2	0.0	0.0	2.5	6.7	6.9	0.3	0.0